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SENSATIONAL DISCLOSURE IN TAIWAN SPY CASE

Shanghai evacuation

A spokesman of the Royal Navy denied emphatically the statement made yesterday in the "China Mail" that the Royal Navy may take part in the evacuation of British, American and European nationals from Shanghai.

Shipping disaster in Portugal

Oporto, Portugal, April 6.
A river steamer carrying an estimated 130 persons capsized and sank in the Douro River last night, and the authorities feared today between 60 and 70 passengers and crew members were drowned.

The marine authorities said 16 bodies were recovered before darkness halted rescue operations. Many bodies were believed to have sunk to the river bottom. Total casualties were not likely to be known until dragging operations are carried out.

The steamer, the Fodo Sousa, left the Oporto suburb of Riveira at 7 p.m. for Crestuma, at the mouth of the river. Women returning from shopping tours in the city, soldiers en route home on Easter furloughs and commuting clerks and workers crowded aboard.

Half an hour later, as the vessel came ashore Avintes it heeled over sharply and overturned. Those aboard spilled over the side into the water before the horrified eyes of watchers on the nearby shore.

Political boss slain in Kansas City

Kansas City, Missouri, April 6.
Charles Binaggio, Democratic political boss who unseated the old Pendergast machine in the Kansas City river wards, was shot to death today along with his top lieutenant hoodlum, Charles Gargotta, in Binaggio's political clubrooms on Truman Road.

The police said the two men apparently were killed by a "close acquaintance." Binaggio was shot four times, Gargotta once. Binaggio was 43. He became a power in the city's political setup in a dramatic bid four years ago when he blasted the last remnants of the Pendergast machine. Gargotta was described recently by a special United States Assistant Attorney General as one of the "top mobsters in Kansas City."

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HAST), the depression centred E of Honkai continues to move ENE, with its associated trough extending S-W towards the Luzon Straits, and thence Westwards across the China Sea. A shallow depression appears to have developed on this trough S of the Ryukyu Islands. Pressure is high over China.

Ministry of Defence was Red espionage centre PLOT AGAINST CHIANG

Up to the final round-up of Chinese Communist agents in Taiwan in March, the Nationalist Ministry of Defence was the Communist espionage headquarters, according to an exclusive report in yesterday's vernacular "Wah Kiu Man Po."

The newspaper's Taiwan correspondent, Yung Fu, cabled that more than 5,000 agents and suspected spies were arrested by the Defence Ministry's Security Department.

They included more than 200 ring leaders—mostly Lieutenant-Generals and Major-Generals in the Military Strategy Section of the Defence Ministry.

The correspondent said that they had been working for the Chinese Communists for more than three years. They were responsible for the Nationalist military defeats—from the Manchurian campaign to the abandonment of the China mainland.

He added that they supplied the Communists with details of Nationalist military movements, plans, and the strength of forces in different areas. They also supplied the Communists with details of Taiwan's military, naval and air strength.

Documents seized by the Nationalist Security Department showed that they had supplied the Chinese Communists, by wireless, with detailed information of the fighting forces on the island, the points they have been assigned to, the number of fighting planes, and the movements of warships.

He said that the ring leaders had prepared everything for the Communist invasion of Taiwan in March, but the invasion was postponed to April because the Communist preparations had not been fully completed.

Plan to trap Chiang

Seized documents, he said, showed that plans had been prepared to trap Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and other high-ranking officers in Taiwan in the event of the invasion. They would never have been able to leave Taiwan.

The correspondent said that the smashing of this Communist espionage ring had shattered all plans the Chinese Communists had prepared for the invasion of Taiwan.

It has also, he added, ruined the morale of the Nationalist Government and made Generalissimo Chiang more determined than ever to fight back to the mainland.

The correspondent said that the ring leaders have admitted that some 10,000 Communist spies had infiltrated into Taiwan. He said that the brains behind the espionage ring were one Major Lieutenant-General Wu Shih, Vice-Minister of Defence, who has already been executed, according to previous reports.

He said that the Security Department had been working on the case since January. The first clue was unwittingly obtained by an unidentified officer in the Defence Ministry.

Strategy officials

Once, while on local leave, he visited the Defence Ministry and found nearly all the offices empty. Wandering round the building, he stumbled on a meeting in progress in one of the inner rooms. Being an officer he was allowed to enter by the guard. Inside he found most of the officials of the Strategy Section of the Defence Ministry.

He reported this to the Security Department. Later the Defence Ministry found that defence workers in different parts of the island had been stopped. The programme for the distribution of new weapons to soldiers had also been disrupted.

Checking the residences of certain members of the Strategy Section, the Security officials discovered that indiscreetly messages were being transmitted by wireless from the residences.

Following further intensified investigations, a mass round-up of high-ranking military officers, civil officials and newspapermen was carried out. Included were

number of women suspects. The wife of Lieutenant-General Wu Shih was among them.

The correspondent did not give the source of his information. Neither did he say what has happened to the arrested persons.

Crucial weeks

Crucial weeks face the Nationalists, adds an Associated Press dispatch from Taiwan.

All signs point to early Communist attempts to conquer two important Nationalist bastions off the Red China mainland—Chusan, 100 miles South East of Shanghai, and Quemoy (Kinmen) near Amoy.

In addition, the Nationalists expect the Reds to launch a fresh invasion of Hainan after they have licked the wounds sustained in their recent defeats there.

Independent foreign reports tend to confirm that the Reds did indeed get a thrashing, especially in their attempt to get a foothold on Hainan last Saturday.

Alleged activation of a Chinese Communist air force with planes supposedly supplied by Soviet Russia, has injected a new and dangerous element in the situation.

Reports from Nationalist air bases, however, said the "flying" of this force had the effect of stimulating rather than depressing the morale of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

All were portrayed as ready and eager to engage Communist planes in combat.

At the same time, work on defences of Taiwan was speeded up and precautions taken to safeguard air bases and other vital centres from sudden assault.

Moving to climax

The general feeling here is that events are moving to a climax or at least to a fresh point of crisis.

Supporters of the Nationalists hope they will surmount it.

Reports from the mainland speak of fresh outbreaks against Communist rule.

One alleged that 15,000 peasants had revolted against the Reds in the Xulin district of Kwangsi, 200 miles West of Canton; seized a number of villages and killed altogether 1,500 Communist troops.

Taipei reports were current that strong Nationalist forces would be sent to reinforce Hainan against further Red assaults and prepare that island as a base for a counter-offensive against South China.

TRAIN WRECK
IN SPAIN

Oviedo, Spain, April 6.
The Madrid-Gijon express train broke in two while roaring around a sharp curve near here today and the police said at least 15 persons were killed and 60 injured.

Three cars jammed with workers and Easter holiday goers shot off the tracks and plunged 20 feet into a gorge. Only the engine, one sleeper and one diner remained on the track—United Press.

Teen-age tragedy

Oakland, Calif., April 6.
Arthur Eldon Prindle, 10, son of an Oakland policeman, confessed last night that he strangled Sally Ann Humphreys, his 13-year-old sweetheart, with a belt as they sat in a parked car on Tuesday night because "she went out with other guys."

The body of Sally was found strangled and badly battered in the front seat of a convertible parked in a lover's lane near Oakland. In the back seat Prindle was lying unconscious, suffering from an overdose of sleeping pills and with his wrists slashed.

Rushed to a hospital, Prindle recovered consciousness and told his father, a policeman, that he had killed her.

Prindle's mother, Mrs. Maude Prindle, killed Sally, she choked her.

Later Prindle confessed the slaying to the deputy district attorney, Mr. Walsford Taylor.

Boy King arrives home



The young King Phumiphon Aduldej, aged 22, of Thailand, is seen here as he leaves the throne room of the royal palace in Bangkok, to which he paid a short visit after his arrival. This part of the palace is restricted to royalty and others of high rank.—A.P. photo.

Soviet planes patrol Shanghai skies

Russian planes are maintaining daily patrols over Shanghai and Russians are manning radar stations atop Shanghai's highest buildings, a recent arrival from Shanghai informed the "China Mail" yesterday.

All he asked was a little affection

Hollywood, April 6.
William Grant Sherry, burly ex-wrestler, said today that he played "housewife" for Betty Davis but she was "too tired" to give him any affection when she got home from work.

As a result, the artist said he would contest his wife's divorce suit because "she's plenty at fault and I am tired of being pushed around."

"She was the breadwinner and I was housewife and I loved doing it. All I asked in return was love and affection. I am a man who needs a lot of that. But when she would come home from work she'd always say she was too tired. I would not get as much as a kiss from her."

"She was too absorbed in her work. I would always have dinner ready for her when she got home. I take off her shoes and bring her slippers and fix her hair. I drink, I pray, her dresses when her maid was not here. I would draw her bath and give her a massage. I felt it was a privilege to do things for her."

"She would say 'Well, what do you want? You are not getting any money. I want love. But she has not the time for her husband when she works.'—United Press.

Another train from Shanghai

A Chinese train from Shanghai arrived at the Tsimshatsui terminus of the Kowloon-Canton Railway at about 10 a.m. yesterday.

She brought here about 500 tons of cargo including some edible oils, feathers, raw silk and melon.

There were no passengers but according to eyewitnesses who saw the train's arrival, the train had on board a few Chinese who were carrying the Shanghai cargo.

Originally the train was expected to arrive here at a much earlier hour, however, due to technical trouble she was delayed at Lo Shui where a locomotive of the British section of the KCR brought the Chinese wagons here.

Macassar rebel leader defies Government

Macassar, April 6.
Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, 26-year-old rebel Indonesian, definitely refused today to obey a summons to Jakarta from the United States of Indonesia Government.

Aziz, whose company of Indonesians revolted yesterday and seized this state capital of East Indonesia in the Celebes, declared:

"When they want a report they can come here. If I go, my men come along."

Premier Mohamad Hatta's Government at Jakarta yesterday summoned Aziz to the federal capital to report on the 45 minutes of shooting in which a federal garrison of 100 men surrendered at dawn after 15 of the soldiers had been killed. Aziz's company had been transferred from Dutch command to the new USI Army only last week.

The East Indonesian Prime Minister, Mr. Djuanda, is flying to Jakarta today to confer with the Federal Cabinet, adds Reuters.

The Federal Cabinet in turn was sending a representative to Macassar for talks.

The two Netherland ships carrying 900 Federal reinforcements, the 2,850 ton Walkala and the 5,033 ton Bontru, which stood in the outer roads all day yesterday, after being warned not to land, have now anchored 24 miles off the coast.

Today, Captain Aziz, who received his military training with Britain's airborne troops, had the streets of Macassar patrolled by troops in Bren carriers and lorries. A curfew was enforced on the city last night.

The heaviest fighting during yesterday's coup occurred at Sunguminara, 8 miles from Macassar, where several hundred Nationalist troops were encamped.

Twenty-five commando-trained East Indonesians attempted to seize the camp but the Nationalists had time to break through and take up defensive positions outside.

Agree to truce

After a ding-dong half hour battle, leaders on both sides agreed to a truce to save bloodshed. The Nationalist troops submitted to being confined to barracks but were not taken prisoners.

Reports said that three rebels were killed and seven wounded and five Nationalists killed and wounded during the engagement. Casualties elsewhere were light.

Reuters.

Though Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Mokoginta, the local National Army commander, and his 500 troops were either imprisoned or confined to barracks, there were fears that Republican elements favourable to the States of Jogjakarta might clash with the rebels.

The coup was the climax to weeks of tension over plans to incorporate East Indonesia into Jogjakarta State. Captain Aziz said he had acted to prevent Republican troops from Jogjakarta landing in East Indonesia.

The President of East Indonesia has refused to accept the resignation of the State Cabinet, which claimed that the Indonesian Federal Government had ignored

No 'China Mail' tomorrow

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" tomorrow, Saturday, owing to the Easter holiday. Publication of the "China Mail" will resume on Monday.

The "Sunday Herald" will appear as usual.

Peking health workers trained by UN

Lake Success, April 6.
The first lay public health workers trained by the United Nations in Red North China have completed their courses and are now busy training others in health work.

This was announced yesterday by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) which started such training last year as part of a \$750,000 programme to aid North China children and mothers.

Dr. Leo Eloesser, an American surgeon, head of the World Health Organization, co-operated with local Chinese officials in setting up the training centres which UNICEF hopes may set a pattern for other parts of Asia.

The lay health workers, upon completion of their training, will be sent to various villages in rural areas, conducting similar courses.—Associated Press.

SIX CHILDREN PERISH IN TORONTO FIRE

Toronto, April 6.
Six children perished early today in flames that swept swiftly through their family home here.

Their parents saved two children but were unable to help the six who burned in their beds.

A neighbour said the frame dwelling "went up like a torch" shortly after midnight.—Associated Press.

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Gigantic budget is threat to Red China's economy

Snookered in Peking

Here is a sidelight on Marshal Li Chai-sung: He spends most of his time playing billiards, said a recent arrival from Peking. He gets only 40 piculs of rice (poor quality) a month at his salary, as one of the Vice-Chairmen in the People's Central Government. The rice is equivalent to about HK\$350.

Reminders

Today

St. Andrew's Church, "The Crucifixion," 8.15 p.m.
People's Service, St. John's Cathedral, 9 a.m.
"Way of the Cross" Services at all Catholic Churches, choir renders Stainer's "Crucifixion," 11 o'clock, 8 p.m.
St. John's Cathedral Three-Hour service, 3 p.m.
Hong Kong Boy Scouts District Camp, Stanley Village.

Coming events

TOMORROW

Easter Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 12 noon.
Kowloon Gramophone Society, recorded classical concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Tue H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA, Armchair Group meeting, talk on "Communism and the Chinese Mind" by Mr. Hubert Freyn, 8.45 p.m.

MONDAY

Easter Race Meeting, Happy Valley.
European YMCA, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

HK Rotary Club Lunch, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Urban Council meeting, GPO Bldg., 4.15 p.m.
European YMCA, Bridge Drive, 8 p.m.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Mr. B. M. Baulstain in charge of the Consulate for the Republic of the Philippines during the absence of Dr. J. V. Rodriguez, effective from March 29.

Mr. R. Willoquet, Mr. J. Veillard and Mr. A. Travers: provisional representatives as Attaches at the French Consulate at Hong Kong.

Mr. H. B. L. Dowling and Mr. H. C. Margrett: representatives of St. John's Cathedral.

Messrs. F. E. Skinner and B. J. Monks: representatives of Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.

Messrs. Hual Tuck-chang and G. C. P. Heywood: representatives of St. Andrew's Church.

The Salt Industry Bank of Szechuen, Limited: licence cancelled.

The Dekon Banking Corporation, Limited: licence cancelled.

The South Sea Industrial Bank, Limited: licence cancelled.

Dr. Tso Hsueh-yen: entitled to practise medicine and surgery in Hong Kong.

The annual roll of certified midwives published in yesterday's "Government Gazette". The annual roll of nurses registered and entitled to practise in Hong Kong was included.

It was officially announced yesterday that the Hong Kong Government Agent at Tokyo will in future be known as the Hong Kong Government Representative in Japan. His telegraphic address will be HKEHRE.

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Communist China is staggering under the weight of skyrocketing inflation and a gigantic budget approved for this year by the Peking Government, reports United Press.

Recent reports from the Chinese mainland indicate that the shaky economic fabric which the Chinese Communists had inherited from the Nationalists is facing a real threat of collapse.

The effective Nationalist blockade and air raids, cutting down the importation of essential raw materials to a dribble and strangling industries to a virtual standstill, have aggravated Communist economic problems into alarming proportions.

The unstable economic conditions have produced a widespread feeling of insecurity and social unrest punctuated by rioting and uprising in many places held down only by the might of the Communist army and police.

Much, it is said, will depend on how well the Chinese Communists acquit themselves through this year, which has been admitted by No. 2 Communist leader Liu Shao-chi as the "most difficult period" of their rule.

It is a year during which the Chinese Communists would have to spend the most with the least revenue on the credit side. The bulk of the budgetary expenditures would have to go into non-productive work, such as the maintenance of the vast army and administrative machinery, despite Communist avowals to turn their main energy into production.

By the end of last year, approximately 9,000,000 persons were on the Government payroll. They included military, political and administrative personnel and also old Kuomintang personnel, whom the Communists have decided to retain temporarily.

Communist Finance Minister Ho I-pao estimated that the payroll may be boosted to 18,000,000 by the end of this year.

Main cause

The payroll, which is the largest in the history of China, is the main cause of the gigantic budget which the Communists have

Nationalist mutineers expelled

Twenty-four former Chinese Nationalist soldiers, who mutinied against their officers on Láng Ting Island recently, were ordered to be expelled from the Colony by Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

The Hokka soldiers were charged with landing in a place in the Colony not being authorised, landing without the permission of an immigration officer and with being apparent deserters.

Inspector J. Orem stated that on Tuesday afternoon defendants were taken to the Court by Mr. Cheung Chai Island and when questioned they told the police that they came from Láng Ting Island. They told the police that there was a mutiny in the island and that they were disarmed and sent away. They took to fleeing and headed for Cheung Chai Island.

Inspector Orem informed the Court that there were still two men, Chan Yim and Wong Keung, of the same group in a Hong Kong hospital, suffering from gunshot wounds.

CNAC Managing director in HK

Colonel C. Y. Liu, Managing Director of China National Aviation Corporation who was among those who flew 12 CNAC and CATC aircraft to Peking on November 8, last year, returned here about a month ago together with Colonel Chen Chih-lin, Managing Director of CATC, according to an informed source yesterday.

Friends of Colonel Liu said last night that the colonel is at present living with Mr. Y. H. CNAC station manager here. However, they do not know the reason for Colonel Liu's presence in the Colony.

YINGKOW FORT REOPENED

Closed during winter because of the freezing of the harbour, Yingkow was reopened to shipping as from April 1, according to the pro-Communist vernacular "Wen Wei Pao" yesterday.

The newspaper said that during the winter all ships were directed to Daizen. It added that Daizen may remain open to shipping for some time.

STOREKEEPERS FINED

Six storekeepers were summoned to the Police Court yesterday for alleged offences under the Food and Drugs Ordinance, on local commodities.

Mr. E. Rogers, Chief Magistrate, presided. The defendants were charged with selling inferior quality goods.

The court found the defendants guilty and fined them.

Travelling dachshund



Laddie, a champion dachshund owned by Mrs. Catherine Box, wife of Major P. Box, a Royal Engineers officer, is travelling Hong Kong today to continue his travels around the world. He came here in November 1948 to join his master and mistress. Laddie was born in Delhi. He has travelled widely in India, Pakistan and Kashmir. After the division of India, he flew home to England.

China antiques, curios market now closed

Mr. F. R. Gabbatt, dealer in Chinese antiques and curios for the past 40 years, told his fellow-Rotarians at the weekly luncheon of the Kowloon Rotary Club at the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, that the China antiques and curios market is now closed.

Dealers in rarities and antiques no longer visit China in any number. They are now as rare as the treasures they seek, he said.

The speaker, who was introduced by Mr. Elmer J. S. Tau, President of the Club, said that this stoppage began with the Japanese invasion of China.

It should not be construed that the restrictions imposed on the export of antiques and curios by Chinese authorities had seriously affected the situation, and that apart from the remaining treasures now under state protection there is very little that is of any interest.

Lamenting the death of the market in China, Mr. Gabbatt said that the finest collections of Chinese antiques and curios are now in New York and San Francisco. China, he emphasised, is now no longer the market for her own artistic productions.

Speaking on the subject of "Chinese Arts and Handicrafts," Mr. Gabbatt briefly reviewed the history of Chinese art. Chinese art, he said, has persisted since about the 30th century B.C. and, except for dark periods, has continued to this day. The dark periods are always occasioned by war, invasions and great internal upheavals such as the present one.

Development arrested

"Conversely, peace and serenity are what the sun is to the flowers and without these ingredients the development of art is arrested," he said. "No other country can display such a wealth of artistic and prolific activity, nor all things considered, has there been anything to equal the highest attainment of this art."

"This great out-pouring has not been entirely in vain. For each treasure, often bought for a song, is and continues to serve as an ambassador in the homes of millions who never cease to find interest and joy in these lovely works of art so entirely different from anything their own countries produce, so that the Orient with its teeming masses, which other wise would be a closed book, is made into a living reality and China scores for its art work."

A vote of thanks was given to the speaker by Dr. T. J. Hua.

Visiting Rotarians at yesterday's luncheon included Mr. A. Malowald of the United States, Dr. C. T. Wang of Shanghai, Mr. D. S. Hill, Hong Kong, and Mr. Joseph Yu, Hong Kong.

Marden to speak on "Ivory"

Mr. G. E. Marden, well-known local businessman and Rotarian, will give a talk on "Ivory" at the Downtown Centre of the YMCA, 11 Duddell Street, on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Mr. Marden has been interested in ivory as a hobby for many years and has built up an outstanding collection.

This is the fourth in a series of talks on "Things Chinese" which is being held at the YMCA. The lectures were originally held every two weeks, but in response to public demand they will now take place every Tuesday.

Dr. T. K. Cheng will talk on "Chinese Bronzes" on April 18. They following week on April 25 Mr. James Lee will discuss and give a demonstration on "Chinese Music".

The public is cordially invited.

PAL REDUCES MANILA FLIGHTS

Philippine Air Lines, Inc. yesterday announced a reduction in flights to Manila owing to the severe restrictions placed on Chinese entering the Philippines.

The Philippine Immigration Service now refuses to honour re-entry permits of Chinese who have been back to their villages on the grounds that they may have been indoctrinated as Communists.

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KAI TAK TOPICS

Due to poor weather conditions yesterday quite a few in-coming aircraft were behind their expected time of arrival.

A Pan American World Airways DC-4 was almost two hours late. Her point of departure was Cincinnati. She arrived at about 4 p.m.

Other planes arriving later than originally expected were a Civil Air Transport aircraft from Taipei and a Cathay Pacific Airways aircraft from Manila.

Ground mechanics of the China National Aviation Corporation at Kai Tak have been shifting around their aircraft within the airport recently.

Previously most of the ground-planes were parked on a vacant lot near the highway leading to Ngau Chi Wan. Since seven of the aviation company's aircraft were damaged on Sunday most of the CNAC aircraft have been shifted to parking lots further away from the highway.

Yesterday the vacant space in front of CNAC's Kai Tak workshop was again filled by the company's aircraft. However, none of the aircraft is being serviced by ground crew members.

Mr. G. C. Swearingen of Pan American World Airways Operations Department, left for San Francisco by PAA yesterday.

Mr. Swearingen who has been in the Colony for the past seven and a half months, is being transferred to PAA's San Francisco office.

A popular figure at Kai Tak, Mr. Swearingen at one time replaced Mr. M. Deutsch, PAA Operations Manager here, when the latter was on sick leave in the U.S.

Mr. Jerry O'Donnell, PAA's Hong Kong Manager, returned from Taipei by Hong Kong Airways yesterday afternoon.

Mr. O'Donnell was in Taipei visiting PAA's agents there.

Broadcast of races

Rediffusion will have its Sportscenter at the Race Course for the Easter Race meeting on Saturday and Monday.

Each day they will present the results of five races starting on Saturday with the Tai Hang Handicap for Class Four Ponies and followed immediately by a running commentary of the Hong Kong Derby.

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Complete results of the Races will be broadcast in English at 8.30 p.m. and in Chinese at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening.

LIGHTER SUNK IN COLLISION

A wooden lighter collided with another on route from the Colony to Macao on Wednesday and sank immediately.

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By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

EASTER RACE MEETING 1950

Saturday, 8th and Monday, 10th April, 1950

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The 15th interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 12 races each day (24 in all). The Hong Kong Derby is scheduled to be run on the first day, Saturday, 8th April, Race No. 6, at 3.30 p.m.

Through tickets at \$48 each may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets at \$2 each for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby (over 550,000 tickets disposed of to date). The latter may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

THERE WILL BE NO SPECIAL SWEEP ON THE LAST RACE MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

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The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

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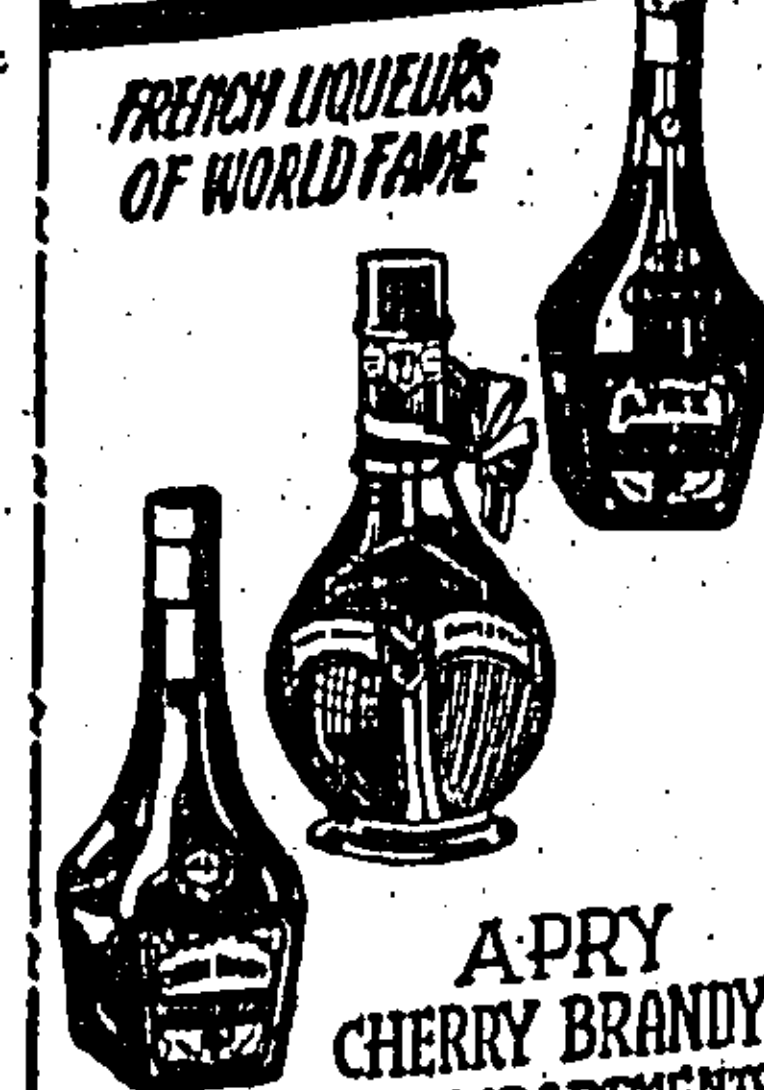
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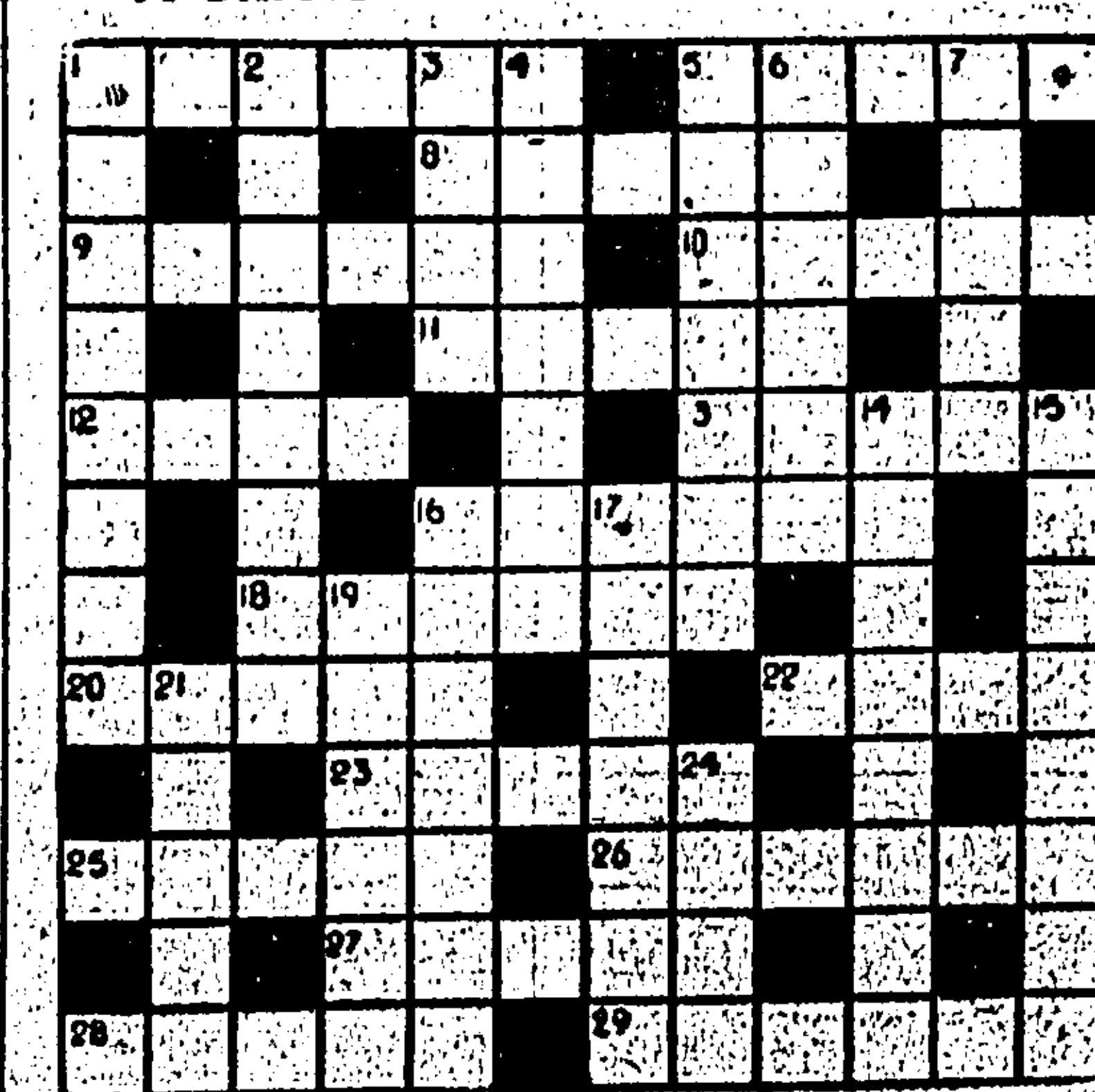
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Soliloquy For Three Heads

**Danny Kaye excels
in new comedy film**

Rating: * * *

"The Inspector General," unquestionably the best Danny Kaye picture ever produced, is now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres and should be a must show for all lovers of the antics of Mr. Git-Gat-Giddle.

If there were any award standing for comedians, Mr. Kaye would definitely run away with it. He has managed to run riot in a film that will probably go down as a classic comedy. His performance is one that must be called inimitable.

Danny sweeps the screen in a merry display of song and dance, clowning, and just plain acting, bringing his amazing versatility into full swing in Warner Bros. Technicolor. "The Inspector General" is the play Danny Kaye has long wanted to make into a picture. It

theme of mistaken identity gives the talented entertainer his greatest chance at nonsense with a kick in it. Portraying a not-too-smart barker in Walter Slezak's gassy medicine show, Danny is forced out of town by victims of Slezak's nefarious business methods. He finds refuge in a graft-ridden village whose mayor mistakes him for the expected Inspector General and gives him a royal welcome. When Slezak shows up, anticipating a share in Danny's good fortune, the fireworks begin, never waning right up to a smashing funny climax.

Musical highlight of the comedy is the "Soliloquy For Three Heads," a quartet sung by the four heads of the one Danny Kaye. Sylvia Fine (Mr. Kaye) wrote the score, one of the most novel and unusual ever attempted on the screen.

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**Glenn Ford wipes
smile off face**

Rating: * * *

Glenn Ford's captivating, ear-to-ear grin has given way in his recent roles to a grim, hard set of the jaws indicative of the ruthless characterisations which have come his way. Now Glenn is spotted in what is perhaps the meatiest role of his considerable career, the part of the murderous treasurer-seeker who eliminates all rivals in his quest for \$20,000,000 in gold hidden in the Lost Dutchman mine.

The film, Columbia's "Lust for Gold," is currently at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres.

His interpretation is given added impact through the realisation that this is no mere work of fiction, but is the true story of secret treasure cached in the Lost Dutchman mine in Arizona. Superstition Mountains reaching back through 100 years of daring, jealousy and murder.

Based upon Harry Storm's factual book, "Thunder God's Gold," the authenticity of "Lust for Gold" is further attested to by Governor Daniel E. Garvey of Arizona, who states that "this picture represents, to the best of our knowledge, the true facts concerning this unusual situation."

Ford climaxes his recent gallery of tough hombres with the conscienceless killer whose lust for gold impels him to eliminate all opposition to possession of the fabulous gold mine. His sole reason for the quest is his love for Ida Lupino, a calculating beauty making a pitch for the Lost Dutchman bonanza herself!

She keeps her marriage to Glenn Young a secret from Ford as she plots to worm from the latter the location of the Lost Dutchman mine. When Ford learns of his husband's evil mind, he devises a diabolical revenge. Using the bait of \$20,000,000 in gold, he lures Miss Lupino and Young to the mine where, with ready rifle, he holds them at bay in the blazing heat without water and with no hope of escape.

The climax is worth while.



MARIE WILSON

**Comedy for
Lee Theatre**

Rating: * *

The laughs come fairly thick and fast at the Lee Theatre where Paramount's amusing comedy, "My Friend Irma," starts on Sunday.

The story concerns Irma's efforts to marry her shiftless boyfriend, Al (John Lund), and his conniving attempts to get Irma's room-mate, Jane (Diana Lynn) to marry her millionaire boss (Don DeSire). Al's efforts are countered by getting same by the boss' millions. He also figures out a fortune out of a poor but talented singer, Steve (Dean Martin).

Jane falls for Steve but still considers marrying her boss for his money. What Irma does to turn the triangle down to the right twosome causes additional complications and a riot of fun to boot.

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis provide well handled comedy routines which are cleverly worked into the plot. Martin also registers solidly as a romantic singer, scoring with "Here's to Love," "Just for Fun" and "My Own, My Only, My All."

Jerry Lewis, as Martin's weird friend, displays a brilliant comedy technique which defies description. George Marshall's direction makes the frenzied activity constantly entertaining.

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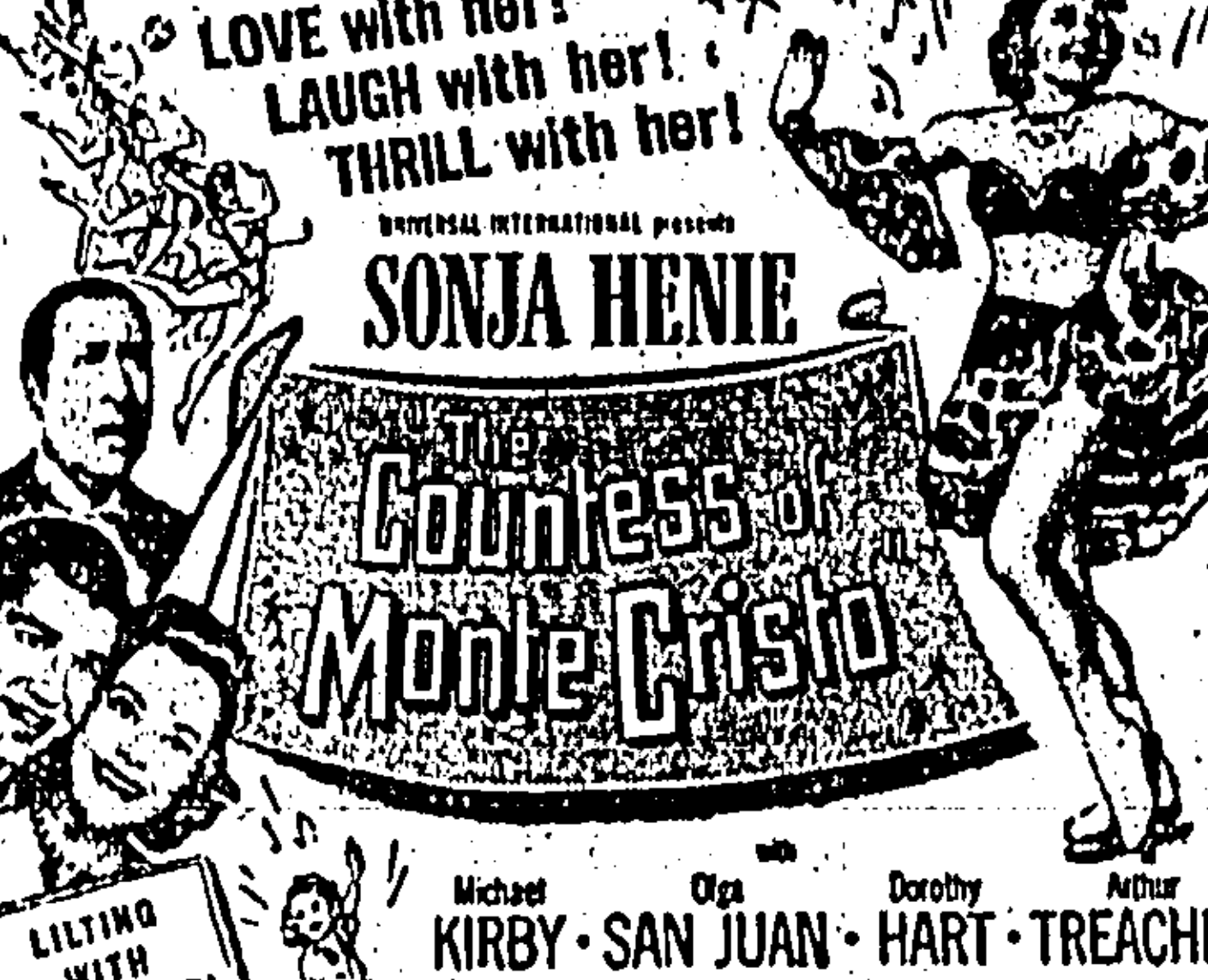
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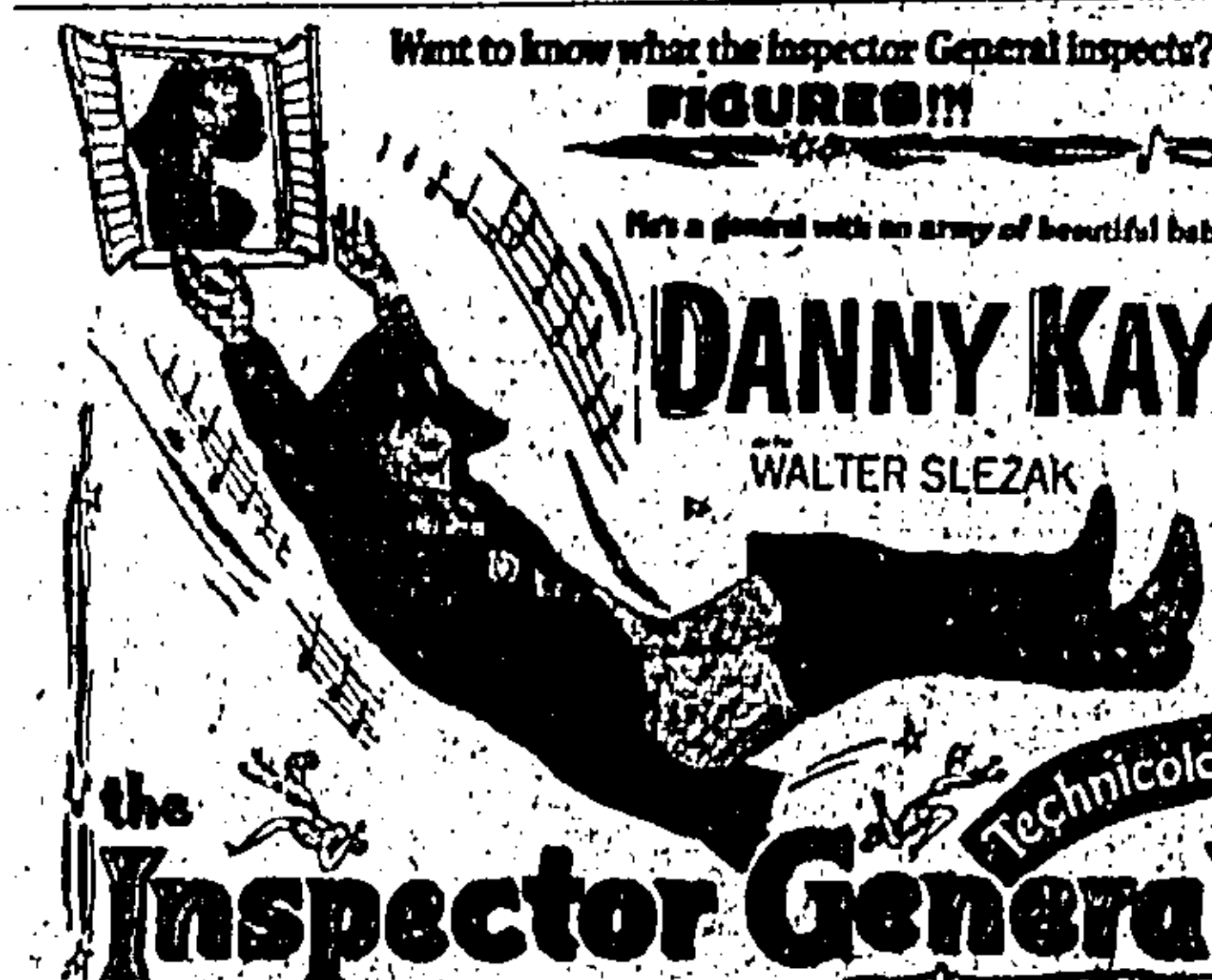
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Giant seaplane blows up

Honolulu, April 5.
The Navy's 82-ton flying boat, Marshall Mars, crashed in flames at sea today, then blew up and sank. All the seven members of the crew escaped in life rafts and boats.

The Navy said that the world's largest seaplane—which holds a world record for carrying 308 persons—was a total loss.

The Mars was carrying 6,000 gallons of aviation petrol when she was forced down. The fuel apparently blew up, sending a towering plume of flames and smoke into the air.

One of five Mars operated by the Navy between Alameda and Honolulu, the plane is valued at \$5,000,000.

The skipper, Lieutenant-Commander Glenn Simmons, said he had been flying 30 minutes when he saw smoke in No. 3 engine.

"I started to bring her down fast. All of us got out within five minutes."

The men escaped in three life rafts and were picked up by crash boats from Oahu within a few minutes.

The Mars sank in more than 100 fathoms of water off Ketchikan, operating base for flying boats off the Southern shore of Oahu.

Lieutenant Commander Simmons landed his plane in the open sea at a speed of 125 miles per hour. As soon as the plane halted, the crew jumped into rubber life rafts moments before the explosion rocked the ship and it burst into flames.

The explosion sent a 2,000-foot smoke column towering into the sky as crash boats, two helicopters, patrol craft and a submarine raced to the scene.—United Press.

AMERICA USES MORE RUBBER

Washington, April 5.
The U.S. used 3.4 per cent more new rubber in the first two months of 1950 than in a comparable period of 1949, the Commerce Department reported today.

Consumption in January and February totaled 182,187 tons, an increase of 14,146 tons over the first two months last year.

Use of natural latex during February reached a new record of 3,092 tons. The previous high was January's 3,055 tons.

Consumption of U.S. Government general purpose synthetic totaled 21,342 tons in February, and its ratio to total natural rubber declined to a new low of 27.4 per cent, compared with January's 27.9 per cent and 35.8 per cent in February, 1949.—Associated Press.



Mr. George Jue, well-known San Francisco Chinese businessman and Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce there, arrived in the Colony by Philippine Air Lines. Photo shows Mr. Jue being welcomed by friends upon his arrival. From left to right: Mrs. F. W. Kendall, Mrs. Jue, Mr. G. Jue, Mr. A. S. Ramondt, PAL Manager here, and Mrs. O. Leung. ("China Mail" photo).

Truman, Johnson deny "saucers"

Key West, Florida, April 5.

President Truman has no knowledge whatever of the existence of any type of flying saucer, the White House said today.

The Press Secretary Mr. Charles Ross, said President Truman knew nothing about any saucer being developed by this or any other country.

In Washington, the Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, told the press today that he would like to have a few squadrons of flying saucers to strengthen the Air Force. He said he is satisfied that saucers do not exist.

Mr. Johnson said also today he has received "no intelligence" about Russian submarines operating off the Pacific Coast.

He told the press that he will ask for more money to buy war planes if the Joint Chiefs of Staff decide they are needed to maintain 40 modern air groups.

Mr. Johnson made the statement in reply to General Dwight Eisenhower and chairman Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee who contended that the \$1,350,000,000 earmarked for aircraft in the Administration's military budget for the fiscal year 1950 is insufficient.

Mr. Johnson said the Administration will spend about \$130,000,000 on house and military construction in Alaska during the next 12 months. He said this was the minimum that could be spent within the period and followed recommendations of the Chiefs of Staff to provide for additional troops in Alaska.—United Press.

REVOLUTIONARY "ETERNA-MATIC"

A revolutionary ladies watch, the "Eterna-matic," has been introduced to Hong Kong and promises to set the style in watches for years to come.

The "Eterna-matic" is a 17-jewel, self-winding watch that winds itself with the aid of ball bearings instead of a spring. Five miniature steel balls, each the size of half a pinhead are mounted on a bearing and support the swinging weight.

One of the directors of the Eterna Watch Company, Dr. Rudolph Schild, declared recently that the "Eterna-matic" is probably the smallest lady's automatic watch and the most advanced and practical watch his company has produced in its 93 years of watch-making.

Labour Party inquest on House defeat

London, April 5.

Labour Government chiefs whipped rank and file defectors sharply back into line today for challenging rigid Party discipline orders.

The leaders' action arose from the Government defeat by the Opposition Conservatives in a "snap" division on a technical issue in Parliament last Wednesday.

While the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee and the Labour Party manager, Mr. Herbert Morrison, looked on, the chief Government Whip, Mr. William Whitely, talked down malcontents at today's private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

Mr. Whitely's call for a united front in face of growingly serious challenges from the Conservative Opposition in the evenly divided House of Commons was warmly received by the meeting's majority.—Reuter.

FLOODS REDEED IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, April 5.

Flood danger in the New South Wales area appears to have passed.

Rivers are slowly receding, revealing heavy damage to property. The death toll of four at the week-end has not been added to.

Numerous stories are being told of narrow escapes and privations suffered by families forced to leave their flooded homes, and it will be many weeks before normal life is resumed in the flooded areas.—Associated Press.

U.S. CONSIDERING SENDING OF FOOD TO FAMINE AREAS Knowland plan for wheat supplies for Red China

Washington, April 5.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, told his Press conference today that the Government is considering proposals to send food to the famine-stricken areas of Communist China.

Mr. Acheson said he has been in consultation with Republican Senator William Knowland on the latter's proposal that wheat be sent to Communist China.

Mr. Acheson said he had also discussed the question on Tuesday with the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Chinese Nationalist officials here describe the current famine as the worst in China's history, and say it affects more than 50,000,000 people.

Mr. Acheson said various questions would have to be settled before the American attitude could be determined. The chief difficulty is being sure that the aid would reach the people who are suffering.

However, it was hard to see how the United States could do anything that would be effective in the light of the attitude of the Chinese Communists toward the United States.

It had yet to be determined what the attitude of the United States Government would be toward private organizations wishing to send aid to Chinese Communist areas.

The Secretary of State said, the question is should the Government oppose aid by such organizations, or should it acquiesce—or should the Government help these organizations, or should it consider doing anything itself?

Humanitarian view

He acknowledged that there are two powerful considerations in favour of American aid to Communist areas—a humanitarian desire on the part of all Americans to help people who are starving, and the traditional warm friendship of America for the Chinese people.

Asked if it was true that the Soviet Union is getting wheat from China during the famine, Mr. Acheson said that the State Department had conflicting reports.

Some of these reports said that food is going from Manchuria—which lies North of the famine area—to Russian Siberia, while other reports, he said, indicate that food is flowing from Manchuria to the famine areas.

Mr. Acheson acknowledged that there has been no request for American aid from the Chinese Communist authorities.

The Chinese Nationalist leader, Chiang Kai-shek, had broadcast from Taiwan an appeal to the world to aid the starving Chinese on the Communist-held mainland. Chinese officials here report that Chiang is smuggling rice from Taiwan to the mainland for underground distribution.

Patience needed

Asia's problems could be resolved only with patience, understanding and fairness, Mr. Acheson said in letters to two Far Eastern experts who assisted him in appraising the situation there last autumn.

The State Department today released the text of Mr. Acheson's identical letters to the experts, Mr. Raymond B. Foydick and Mr. Everett N. Case.

"We are confronted by profound changes in the Far East arising in large measure from the demand of the peoples of that area to govern their own affairs and to improve their economic and social conditions, but influenced also by the renewal of

intense Russian imperialist pressure on that part of the world," Mr. Acheson said.

Mr. Acheson said that the various views which had emerged from the survey of Far Eastern problems last autumn would be "carefully weighed in the development of the policy which this Government will pursue with the problems of the Far East during coming months."

"I agree that the problems of Asia are problems of a deep-seated character which cannot be solved quickly and for which no easy panaceas can be found. They will be with us for many years and can be resolved in the end only by a combination of patience, understanding and firmness," Mr. Acheson said.

He added that the State Department had not asked the two advisers to submit a report but had asked them to join in the State Department in the appraisal of the situation.—United Press and Reuter.

WINDFALL FOR CHINESE REDS

San Francisco, April 5.

The Peking radio reported that vast quantities of invaluable machinery, including American plane parts, have been discovered in Shanghai warehouse and are being inventoried by the Chinese Communists.

The supplies range from cosmetics and frying pans to crates of machinery, abandoned when the Nationalists fled from Shanghai in June.

Similar large stockpiles have been discovered at the former United States Navy base at Tsingtao, as well as in Chungking and other cities.

One Shanghai warehouse yielded 50,000 cases of machinery and other goods while the inventory of the Tsingtao materials took three months to compile. Large supplies of sheet steel and scrap iron were discovered in four Chungking arsenals. The radio said, "Every recovered item will add to the speed of China's economic recovery."—United Press.

HEALTH WORKERS IN CHINA

Lake Success, April 5.

The first 100 public health workers trained by the UN in Red North China have completed their courses and are now busy training others in health work.

This was announced today by the UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) which started such training last year as part of a \$750,000 programme to aid North China children and mothers.

Dr. Leo Eloesser, an American surgeon on loan from the World Health Organisation, co-operated with local Chinese officials in setting up the training course, which, UNICEF hopes, may set a pattern for other parts of Asia.—Associated Press.

Security pact for Arab League

Cairo, April 5.

A seven-nation "Collective Security Pact", modelled on the Atlantic Pact, may be initiated by the members of the Arab League at the end of the week.

Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, who made the announcement to reporters here today, said that the pact would be binding on the seven Arab States in the League.

The Political Committee of the Arab League, in session here, has completed a draft for the proposed 12-article security pact and economic experts are meeting tonight to draft an economic annex.

Staff officers of the Arab armies are to confer tomorrow to draft a military annex.

The proposal for a security pact was first made by Egypt to forestall the threatened merger between Syria and Iraq.

Earlier reports said that the proposed alliance, which would embrace Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Syria, the Lebanon, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen, had aroused the interest of the United States, anxious to safeguard the region against Soviet expansion.—Reuter.

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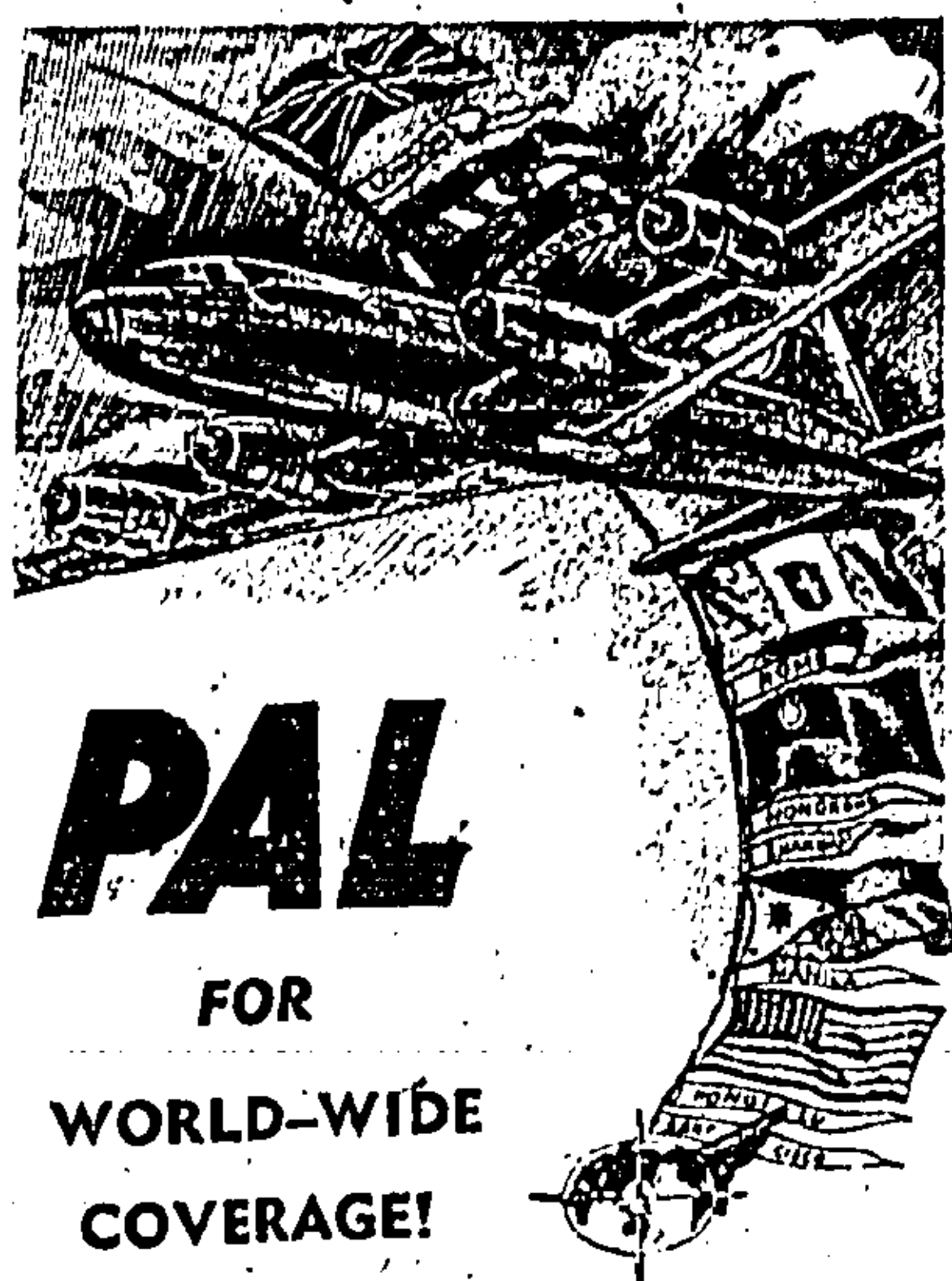
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DR. JESSUP'S FINDINGS

The United States Government has come to realise that the problem of keeping the outer rim of Asia, from Korea to Afghanistan, out of Communist control is even more difficult than it had imagined. The campaigns in Korea, Indo-China and Burma are already "hot war" affairs, Burma is well-nigh hopeless, Siam may go the way of her immediate neighbours, and before the dramatic meeting of the Indian and Pakistan Prime Ministers last week-end war was regarded as a grave possibility. Only in Japan, the Philippines and Indonesia was there any reason for optimism.

These views are said by the Washington correspondent of a leading London daily to be the result of Dr. Jessup's findings. Since the despatch was sent, there has been a wave of serious strikes and another revolt in Indonesia, an intensification of the crisis in the provinces North of Manila, and resignation of the South Korean Premier, who says his job is too much for him! Certainly the new post-war order of freedom in South-East Asia and the withdrawal of direct foreign responsibility has hardly come up to expectations, and could hardly have been worse—and perhaps, alas, no better—if the Western Powers had remained. Nor did Dr. Jessup find any spontaneous movement towards closer association by the South-East Asian nations for mutual defence or mutual economic aid. On the other hand, Soviet Imperialism has become more formidable than the Tsarist type in its palmist days.

The diagnosis is only too easy—the remedy not at all. Manifestly there has to be a tightening up in Asia along much the same lines as in Western Europe, and the Asia Conferences in New Delhi in 1947 and 1949 suggested the broad pattern. The nations of Southern Asia were then looking to India for a lead, and were prepared to follow it. They will look again if and when India and Pakistan solve their problems and present a united front—but not till then. That is one reason why a settlement of all the problems on the Indian sub-continent is such a supreme necessity. It does not matter much at present whether the release of energy and re-instatement of leadership that would follow are directed toward neutrality in the ideological war. Communist pressures within must give a realistic turn to internal policies in any event, and that will be enough to go on with.

The keynote of the Asian Conferences in Delhi was inter-dependence. The new Asian Nationalism is not enough of itself: it must be imbued with a real sense of the truth of inter-dependence. The two Dominions of India and Pakistan have themselves had a sharp lesson on this score, and it ought to teach them to practice earnestly and sincerely what India at any rate has preached. They can then call upon Burma to do the same, for Asian leaders can say things which, coming from a Western source, would be treated with resentment or even scorn.

That is precisely how the Burmese have responded to any reproaches, however mild, from British or other Westerners despite the stark

The Free French naval forces were quite capable of doing this, and the Foreign Office saw no objection. However, as it appeared later on, the American State Department wished the occupation to be made by a Canadian expedition. We therefore asked de Gaulle to refrain, and he certainly said he would do so. Nevertheless he ordered his Admiral Muselier to take the islands. The Free French sailors were received with enthusiasm by the people, and a publicistic showed a per cent majority against Vichy.

This made no impression on Mr. Hull. He considered that the policy of the State Department had been agreed upon. He issued a statement on Christmas Day saying, "Our preliminary report shows that the action taken by the so-called Free French ships at Pierre and Miquelon was an arbitrary action contrary to the agreement of all parties concerned, and certainly without the prior knowledge or consent in any sense of the United States Government."

He wanted to turn the Free French out of the islands they had liberated from Vichy. But American opinion ran hard the other way. They were delighted in this grave hour that the islands had been liberated, and that an obnoxious radio station which was spreading Vichy lies and poison throughout the world and might well give correct signals to U-boats now hunting United States ships, should be squelched. The phrase "so-called Free French" was almost universally resented.

Mr. Hull, whose sterling qualities I recognised, and for whom I entertained the highest respect, had my opinion pushed what was little more than a departmental point far beyond its proportions. The President in our daily talks seemed to me to shrug his shoulders over the whole affair. After all, quite a lot of other annoyances were on us or coming upon us. Strongly urged by our Foreign Office, I supported General de Gaulle and "so-called" Free France. Chapters have been written about this incident in various American and French books, but it did not at all affect our main discussions.

Simple festivities

Simple festivities marked our Christmas. The traditional Christmas tree was set up in the White House garden, and the President and I made brief speeches from the balcony to enormous crowds gathered in the gloom. I venture to reprint here the words that I used as they seemed to me so naturally in my mind on this occasion, and in these surroundings.

I spend this anniversary and festival far from my country, far from my family, yet I cannot truthfully say that I feel far from home. Whether it be the ties of blood or my mother's side, or the friendships I have developed here over many years of active life, or the commanding sentiment of comradeship in the common cause of great peoples who speak the same language, kneel at the same altars, and to a very large extent, pursue the

have in the country's peace and prosperity. It is not a stake limited to Big Business. Burmese rice production is a vital matter for every consuming centre throughout Asia. They need more because of greater populations, and they are getting less. No people have shown greater responsibility than the Burmese, whether to their own interests or to those of others. Britain has done about all she can to help, and has poured £72,000,000 down the drain in Burma. Everybody can understand the recent outburst of an Australian M.P., Mr. Kent-Hughes.

The remedy does not lie in letting Burma stew in her own hot-pot, or abandoning her to anarchy or Communism. Simple military intervention is no remedy either. Somehow or other, if we are to counter the "spirit of internationalism" which is being cited in pathetic defence of the surrenders of Asian Communism to the dictates of the Kremlin, the nations of Asia must fortify their new-born independence with the spirit of active inter-dependence. Communism combines power with unpopularity; the other movement can produce unity and strength not only without unpopularity, but even with passion.

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THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Christmas in Washington

By Winston Churchill

same ideals, I cannot feel myself a stranger here in the centre and at the summit of the United States. I feel a sense of unity and fraternal association which, added to the kindness of your welcome, convinces me that I have a right to sit at your fireside and share your Christmas joys.

This is a strange Christmas Eve. Almost the whole world is locked in deadly struggle, and with the most terrible weapons which science can devise, the nations advance upon each other. It would be for us this Christmas Eve if we were not sure that no creed for the land or wealth of any other people, no vulgar ambition, no morbid lust for material gain at the expense of others, had led to this.

Here, in the midst of war, raging and roaring over all the lands and seas, creeping nearer to our hearths and homes, here, amid all the tumult, we have tonight the peace of the spirit in each cottage home in every generous heart. Therefore we may cast aside for this night at least the cares and dangers which beset us, and make for the children an evening of happiness in a world of storm. Here, then, for one night only, each home throughout the English-speaking world should be a brightly-lighted island of happiness and peace.

Let the children have their night of fun and laughter. Let the gifts of Father Christmas delight their play. Let us grown-ups share the full in their unstinted pleasures before we turn again to the stern task and the formidable years that lie before us, resolved that, by our sacrifice and daring, these same children shall not be robbed of their inheritance, or denied their right to live in a free and decent world.

And so, in God's mercy, a happy Christmas to you all.

Peace in church

The President and I went to church together on Christmas Day, and I found peace in the simple service and enjoyed singing the well-known hymns, and one "O little town of Bethlehem." I had never heard before. Certainly there was much to fortify the faith of all who believe in the moral governance of the universe.

It was with heart-strings that I fulfilled the invitation to address the Congress of the United States. The occasion was important for what I was sure was the all-conquering alliance of the English-speaking peoples. I had never addressed a foreign Parliament before. Yet to me, who could trace unbroken male descent on my mother's side through five generations on a lieutenant who served in Washington's army, it was possible to feel a blood-right to speak to the representatives of the great Republic in our common cause. It certainly was odd that it should all work out this way and once again I had the feeling, for mentioning which I may be pardoned, of being used, however unworthy, in some appointed plan.

I spent a good part of Christmas Day preparing my speech. The President wished me good luck when on December 26 I set out in the charge of the leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives from the White House to the Capitol. There seemed to be great crowds along the broad approaches, but the security precautions, which in the United States go far beyond British custom, kept them a long way off, and two or three motor-cars filled with armed plain-clothes policemen clustered around as escort. On getting out I wished to walk up to the cheering masses in a strong mood of brotherhood, but this was not allowed. Inside, the scene was impressive and formidable, and the great semi-circular hall visible to me through a grille of microphones, was thronged.

I must confess that I felt quite at home, and more sure of myself than I had sometimes been in the House of Commons. What I said was received with the utmost kindness and attention. I got my laughter and applause just where I expected them. The loudest response was when, speaking of the Japanese outrage, I asked, "What sort of people do they think we are?" The sense of the American nation trembled up to me from the august assembly. Who could doubt that all would be well?

Intense activity

At Washington (during Mr. Churchill's second war-time visit) intense activity reigned. During these days of continuous contact and discussion I gathered that the President with his staff and his advisers were preparing the important proposal for me. In the military, as in the commercial or production spheres the American mind runs naturally to broad, sweeping, logical conclusions—on the largest scale. It is on these that the British mind is often slowest to follow. They feel that the proposal has been planned on too small and unproductive lines.

will follow naturally and almost inevitably.

The British mind does not work quite in this way. We do not think that logic and clear-cut principles are necessarily the sole keys to what ought to be done in swiftly changing and indefinable situations. In war particularly we assign a larger importance to opportunism and improvisation, seeking rather to live and conquer in accordance with the unfolding event than to aspire to dominate it often by fundamental decisions. There is room for much argument about both views. The difference is one of emphasis, but it is deep-seated.

Harry Hopkins said to me, "Don't be in a hurry to turn down the proposal the President is going to make to you before you know who is the man we have in mind." From this I saw that the question of forming a Supreme Allied Command in South-East Asia and drawing boundary lines was approaching. The next day I was told that the Americans proposed that Wavell should be chosen. I was complimented by the choice of a British commander, but it seemed to me that the theatre in which he would act would soon be overrun and the forces which could be placed at his disposal would be destroyed by the Japanese onslaught. I found that the British Chiefs of Staff, when apprised, had the same reaction. I am recorded as saying to them at a meeting on December 26th that I was not at all convinced that this arrangement was either workable or desirable.

The situation out there was that certain particular strategic points had to be held, and the commander in each locality was quite clear as to what he should do. The difficult question was the application of resources arriving in the area. This was a matter which could only be settled by the Governments concerned. Nevertheless, it was evident that we must meet the American view.

Congratulations

Mr. Attlee sent me his own and the Cabinet's congratulations on my speech to Congress, and in reply I opened to him the question of the South West Pacific Command.

Prime Minister to Lord Privy Seal, 28 December, 41. Am so glad you were pleased. Welcome was extraordinary. Work here is most strenuous. Today for five hours President and I received representatives of all other Allied or friendly Powers and British Dominions, and made heartening statements to them. My talks with President increasingly intimate and friendly. Heavensbrook also had great success with him on the supply side.

Question of unity of command in South West Pacific has assumed urgent form. Last night President urged upon me appointment of a single officer to command Army, Navy, and Air Force of Britain, America, and Dutch, and this morning General Marshall visited me at my request and pleaded case with great conviction. American Navy authorities take opposite view, but it is certain that a new far-reaching arrangement will have to be made.

The man President has in mind is General Wavell. Marshall has evidently got the idea into detailed scheme and has drafted letter of instructions. So far I have been critical of plan, and while admiring broad-mindedness of offer have expressed anxiety about effects on American opinion. Chiefs of Staff have been studying matter all day, and tonight I will send you my considered advice after receiving their views.

My kindest regards to all colleagues. It is a great comfort to act on such a sure foundation.

Before I could receive any considered advice from home it was necessary to meet the urgent wishes of the President and General Marshall. Events were moving too fast for lengthy discussions across the Atlantic. I passed the 28th in conference with the President and in drafting with my staff the series of telegrams which follow, and tell the tale in carefully weighed words.

Prime Minister to Lord Privy Seal, 29 December, 41. I have agreed with President, subject to Cabinet approval, that we should accept his proposals, most strongly endorsed by General Marshall.

(a) That unity of command shall be established in South West Pacific. Boundaries are not yet finally settled, but are presumed to include Malay peninsula, including Burmese front, to Philippine Islands, and southwards to necessary supply bases, principally Port Darwin, and supply line in Western Australia.

(b) That General Wavell should be appointed Commander-in-Chief of the

ferred Supreme Commander, of all United States, British, British Empire, and Dutch forces of land, sea, and air, who may be assigned by Governments concerned to that theatre.

(c) General Wavell, whose headquarters should in first instance be established at Surabaya, would have American officer as Deputy Commander-in-Chief. It seems probable, General Brett would be chosen.

Combined forces

(d) That American, British, Australian, and Dutch naval forces in the theatre should be placed under the command of American admiral, in accordance with general principle set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b).

(e) It is intended General Wavell should have a Staff in the South Pacific portion, as Foch's High Control Staff was to the great Staffs of British and French Armies in France. He would receive his orders from an appropriate Joint Body, who will be responsible to me as Minister of Defence and to President of the United States, who is also Commander-in-Chief of all United States forces.

(f) Principal commanders comprised in General Wavell's sphere will be Commander-in-Chief Singapore and Malaya, Commander-in-Chief Netherlands East Indies, Commander-in-Chief Philippines, and Commander-in-Chief of Southern Communications via South Pacific and North Australia.

(g) India, for which an acting Commander-in-Chief will have to be appointed, and Australia, who will have their own Commander-in-Chief, will be outside General Wavell's sphere, except as above mentioned, and are two great bases through which men and material from Great Britain and Middle East on the one hand and the United States on the other can be moved into the fighting zone.

(h) United States Navy will remain responsible for the whole Pacific Ocean-East of Philippine Islands and Australasia, including United States approaches to Australia.

(i) A letter of instruction is being drafted for Supreme Commander safeguarding the necessary residuary interests of various Governments involved and prescribing in major outline his tasks. This draft will reach you shortly.

I have not attempted to argue case for and against our accepting this broad-minded and selfless American proposal, of merits of which as a war-winner I have become convinced. Action is urgent, and may perhaps have to be taken even before my returning from Canada on January 1. Australia, New Zealand, and Dutch will of course have to be consulted, but this should not be done until I have been instructed by hearing views of War Cabinet. Meanwhile, staff here will be working upon details on assumption that all consents will be obtained.

(To be continued)

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And then there were . . . I see the Labour government's majority is now down to two. Mr. Attlee is said to be getting so worried he can hardly pair it.

"Famous Champs Elysee turned into littered battleground." One hardly needs to tell you that this, however singular, is in well-known Paris.

"Once she has completed her studies at Williamsburg and a yet-to-be selected medical school, Margaret will return to her home city of Wu Chan, capital of a 'There is so much to be done,' she said."

Especially in the proof-reading line.

In spite of being surprised by Eastern, it is still untrue to say that Kitchee is anything to be sneezed at.

A "convertible coup" regularly advised with radio" is offered to the public.

Sounds like the ideal thing for any South American political party.

White soldiers said fighting for Red Vietnam.

This is a black prospect and makes me feel quite blue.

To clarify a local misconception, I wish to state that this Macassar mutiny has nothing to do with clan warfare in Scotland.

Always Peking and Chou sing. Without wishing to be unduly critical, I do think the new regime should Chou the situation over thoroughly before issuing any more diatribes about the airlines.

KRA asks for new mental home. No, Myrtle, they want it for others.

According to Moscow, Britain is starting to make trouble in Norway.

"Lattimore hit by New York Daily Worker." The newsboy apologized, explaining that his aim was bad that morning.

Unclaimed violin found in taxi. I had a small nephew like that once, but he never did get rid of it for long.

"Sonja Henie" gives tips to women. Everything comes to her who waits.

"Leader of Hucks still alive, writes letter." Another blow for the spiritualists.

"Basketball is slowly establishing itself as a sport in England." In its homeland, America, of course it's big business.



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BRITISH FIRMS HARD HIT

Businesses in China reported facing ruin

URGENT PLEAS TO LONDON

London, April 5.

The Foreign Office said today that urgent representations have been received from British commercial interests in China who claim they face ruin as a result of the Chinese Communists' exactions and the Nationalist blockade of the China Coast.

London representatives of British business interests in China estimated that at the present rate of drawing upon their sterling reserves even the biggest commercial firms in China would be liquidated within another six weeks.

The Foreign Office said every consideration is being given to the representations made by the China Association, which is a representative body of British firms in China.

So far however, no way has been found of taking effective action to improve the situation.

Officials admit that there has been no improvement in the situation since Britain recognised the Chinese Communist Government on January 6 this year.

The Foreign Office said that Mr. J. C. Hutcheson, British Charge d'Affaires in Peking, had tried to make representations to the Chinese Communist Government.

Since the British recognition he has had two official meetings with officials of the Chinese Foreign Office. The first was on March 3 and the second on March 17.

The officials said Mr. Hutcheson has not yet been received by Peking's Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, nor has he presented his credentials to Mao Tse-tung as chairman of the Chinese People's Government Council.

"Procedural stage"

It is understood that Mr. Hutcheson's only source of information regarding the Peking Government's policy has been through the Embassy of a European Communist satellite power.

The Foreign Office said that as far as can be ascertained the British relations with Peking are still at a procedural stage.

Increasingly urgent pleas are being received from Shanghai for facilities to enable British subjects, hard hit by Chinese Communist taxation and repressive business methods, to leave China.

They claim they are being kept virtually as hostages.

Businessmen said that British firms in China are being compelled to retain their employees on full pay even if their business is completely at a standstill.

Colossal outlay

They no longer have freedom of movement and as a precondition for applications to move elsewhere they must produce proof that they have settled accounts with their employees. This is virtually impossible to obtain.

According to the most conservative estimates, British firms collectively have expended about

£100,000,000 from their reserves which have been expended by remittances from London.

Businessmen said it is impossible even to budget for their expenditures in advance because wages vary according to the price of rice which can be adjusted to suit the Peking Government's requirements.

Representatives in London have asked the Foreign Office to press for the Peking Government's permission for Naval escorts inside the three-mile international navigational limits and to carry urgently required raw materials to Shanghai and to evacuate British nationals wishing to leave China.—United Press.

New plan for Shanghai evacuation

Washington, April 5.

The U.S. has proposed a new plan to Communist China for evacuating an estimated 2,000 Americans and other foreigners from Shanghai, the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, said today.

A Communist decision on the evacuation is now awaited, he said.

He disclosed that arrangements have been made to send a large ship of Dutch registry to the mouth of the Yangtze River to receive the passengers. Smaller craft would ferry the evacuees from Shanghai to the rendezvous point.

Mr. Acheson said that if needed, there are ships at Hong Kong which could be used for the evacuation.—Associated Press.

SIXTY MILLION REFUGEES

Geneva, April 5.

Paul Ruegger, President of the International Red Cross Committee, said today that the world contains more refugees today than at any time in human history—more than 60,000,000, he estimates.

Mr. Ruegger told a news conference only small proportions of them are receiving international aid.

The total includes 600,000 in camps of the International Refugee Organisation, 700,000 in the Middle East, 800,000 in Greece, 600,000 in Kashmir, 800,000 in Burma, 11,000,000 in India and Pakistan, nearly 15,000,000 in Central Europe and uncounted millions in China and Indonesia.

"There is no doubt," Mr. Ruegger said, "that all the great migrations of ancient history are entirely dwarfed by the present situation. Nothing like this has ever happened before."

Mr. Ruegger said that the International Red Cross relief operation for the Palestine Arab refugees in the Middle East could serve as a model for similar relief actions in the future. The Red Cross operation in the Middle East is due to be wound up at the end of this month to be taken over by the new Relief and Works Agency of the United Nations.

"Preparations have been made to hand over to the United Nations," Mr. Ruegger said, "the Committee's activities with the Palestine refugees as smoothly as possible." Mr. Ruegger declared.—Associated Press.

U.S. OFFICERS FOR VIETNAM

Paris, April 5.

Three senior officers are shortly to join the American Diplomatic Mission to Vietnam as military attaches, according to Agence France Presse today in a dispatch from Saigon quoting American sources.

Mr. Edmund Gullion, American Charge d'Affaires in Saigon, and Mr. Kenneth Landon, Assistant Chief of the U.S. State Department's South East Asia Division, will leave tomorrow for Vietnam's summer capital, Dalat. They will later visit Hanoi, Vientiane (North Vietnam) and Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia.—Reuter.

ANGLO-ISRAEL CHAMBER

London, April 5.

British and Israel businessmen here have decided to form an Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce in London with the aim of encouraging and developing commercial relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

FRENCH CLAIM VICTORY IN MAJOR BATTLE

Saigon, April 5.

The French High Command claimed tonight that Vietminh Communist forces lost at least 400 killed and many wounded in their offensive in Travinh Province, 100 miles South of Saigon.

All French communications had been restored and all French military posts were again in operation after their recapture, the communique said.

French staff officers, declaring that the Vietminh offensive had now petered out, said that in the first stage of the operations, Vietminh casualties were estimated at four times those of the defenders.

When the French attacked with paratroopers, armour, artillery and aircraft, the Vietminh attackers were forced to withdraw and to disperse.

"After the initial shock, we gave the Vietminh the whole works," a Brigade Commander said.

An unofficial French military summary of the recent action said that the Vietminh forces, in spite of having received new weapons from China and Siam, were unable to press their attacks against determined opposition.

The French High Command communique, giving details of the Vietminh attack, which began on March 20, said: "After the Vietminh initial success in capturing several watch posts, all French posts successfully resisted."

Orders ignored

"Our operational groups attacked, forced a retreat and then caused the disorder of the enemy, who were harassed by planes and artillery fire."

In the city of Saigon, Vietminh supporters were ordered to carry out sabotage and bring about a general strike. The order was ignored.

Similarly ignored were orders to the Vietminh in Saigon to send reinforcements to the raiders operating along the Dalat road, where a convoy was raided last week.

Captured Vietminh documents showed that the Vietminh Command was trying to explain away the failure of the Travinh and other operations by claiming the lack of political preparation of the city workers.

Haiphong coup

These documents urged a sharp increase in terrorism in Saigon to cover up the organisational weakness and to give time for military reorganisation.

The rebel radio, "The Voice of Vietminh," today broadcast the claim that the battle was not yet over and that the Vietminh offensive would continue.

Vietminh insurgents yesterday sabotaged the power station at Haiphong.

All the generators were damaged by explosions, and an emergency station had to be put into operation.—Reuter.

LABOUR WIN IN SHEFFIELD

London, April 5.

The Labour Government's Parliamentary majority rose to four tonight when the Solicitor-General, Sir Fra J. Soskice, won the Neepsend, Sheffield, by-election by a thumping 13,715 majority.—United Press.

PROME FLARE-UP EXPECTED

Rangoon, April 5.

The communications centre of Promé, 160 miles North West of Rangoon, is likely to soon become a battle scene again between White Band (PVOs) and White Flag (Stalinist) Communists who rule this Irrawaddy city.

The Associated Press confirmed officially today that the PVOs are marshalling forces in neighbouring villages preparatory to attacking Promé, from where the Communists ejected them in mid-March after a major battle.

Reports from Promé say that the Communists are unlikely to put up a big defence but will retreat into the surrounding jungles.

Press reports today said that the PVOs will be aided by Government forces in attacking Promé from across the river.

A Government spokesman told the Associated Press that the Press reports are not exactly true.

He explained that the PVOs, who are rebels, must first surround and under the amnesty which does not extend to those guilty of major crimes, such as rape, murder and banditry, and at present it cannot be determined who is guilty or not guilty of these crimes.

The spokesman could not say whether Government forces would participate in the immediate attack upon Promé.—Associated Press.

BRITONS' FOOD TO BE DEARER

London, April 5.

The Food Minister, Maurice Webb, today announced increases in the price of butter and bacon which will raise the average Briton's cost of living just over half a point.

Mr Webb told the House of Commons that the price of butter will be raised fourpence to 1/10d. a pound, beginning on April 23. Bacon, he said, will be increased two pence to bring it to an average price of 2/8d.

Mr Webb said the extra cost per consumer would be about 1 1/2d. a week. He said it will involve an increase in the cost of living index of just over half a point.

The increase was made necessary by the recent removal of the feeding stuffs subsidy to farmers and the higher prices now being paid farmers for milk and meat. Mr Webb said that if all subsidies were removed, butter would cost another 1s. and bacon would cost another 1s. 2d. per pound.—United Press.

McCARTHY PUTS IT OFF AGAIN

Washington, April 5.

Senator Joseph McCarthy said today that the Senate sub-committee will take testimony on April 13 from witnesses who, he claims, can prove his charge that the Far Eastern expert, Owen Lattimore, is a Communist spy.

Senator McCarthy will go to New York this week-end to try to persuade the unidentified witnesses to appear before the sub-committee. He had said earlier that he could produce some if not all of them, provided they were assured the Committee would make use of their testimony.

Seth Richardson, chairman of President Truman's loyalty review board, testified that a Federal Bureau of Investigation check of some 3,000,000 Government employees had failed to turn up a single syllable of evidence leading to any Communist spies.

Senator Millard Tydings, chairman of the Committee, refused a request by Senator McCarthy to be allowed to question Mr. Lattimore even if he (McCarthy) were not a member of the sub-committee. Senator Tydings said Mr. McCarthy would be permitted to put questions to Mr. Lattimore only through the Committee.

Senator McCarthy ignored the Wednesday noon deadline for giving Senate investigators further information in support of his charges that the State Department was loaded with Communists.

However, he said he "undoubtedly" would be able to arrange for an appearance before the Senate sub-committee of "some

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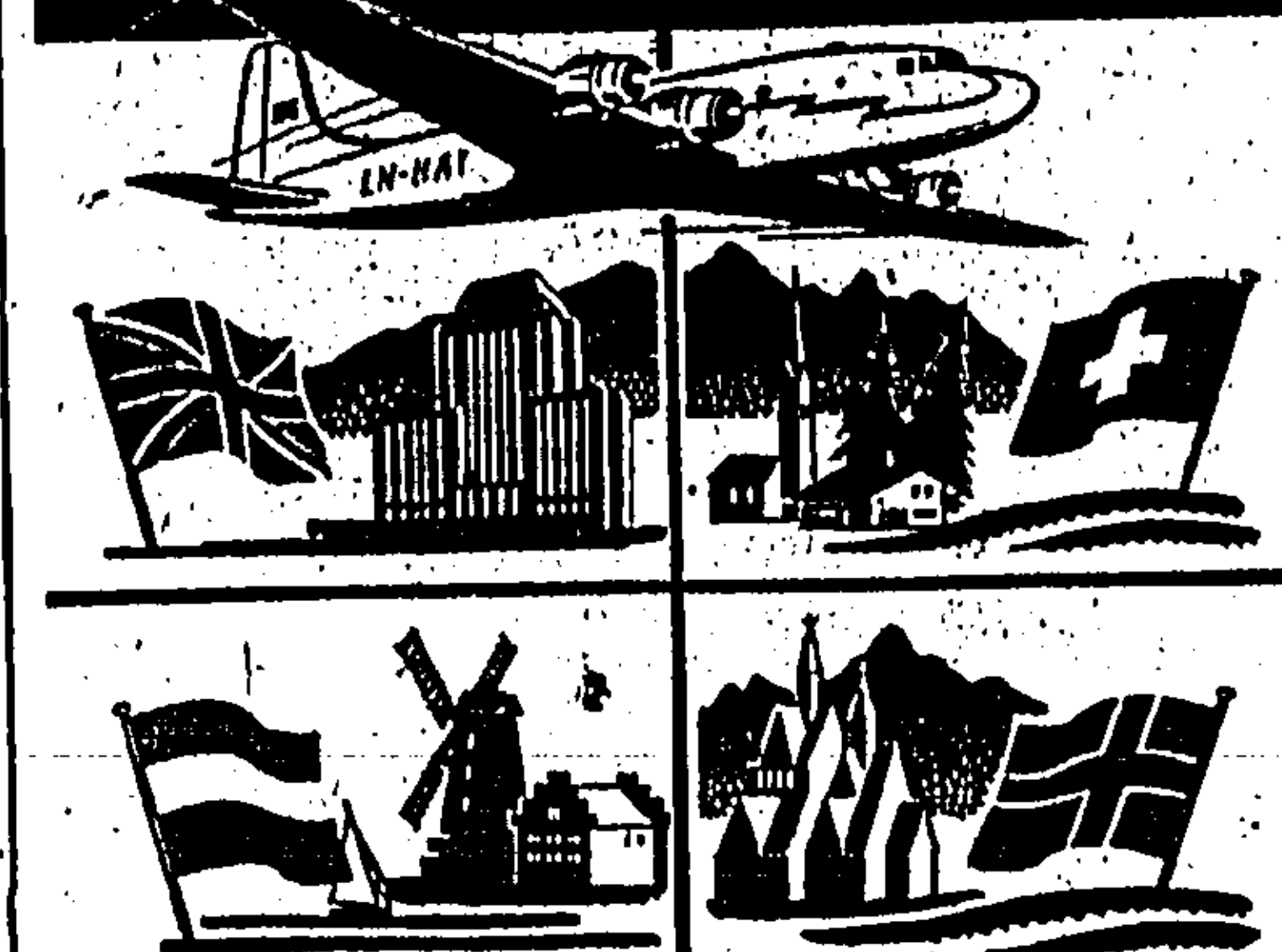
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MOTURING NEWS AND VIEWS

IMPORTANT U.S. DEVELOPMENT

For many years here have been rumours that the greatest American manufacturing companies were running small cars and that, these have proved very satisfactory from an engineering view-point, according to "The Motor."

The companies concerned have, however, held back from marketing as they felt that in a stable market there would always be a better sale for a 20-h.p., six-seater second-hand car than there would be for a 50-h.p., four-seater, new car at the same price.

So far the correctness of this view has not been challenged, but one of the smaller "independent" U.S. companies has now ventured on to rather different ground by producing an experimental two-seater car which is really small, even by European standards.

The size can be gauged from the fact that the wheelbase is only 7 ft. and the overall length 12 ft. 1 in. That is to say, the car is 1 1/2 ins. longer on the wheelbase, and 3 1/2 ins. longer overall, than the Renault 4 c.v., and 2 ins. shorter on the wheelbase and 3 ins. shorter overall than the Morris Minor.

It is claimed that the complete car weighs between 12 and 13 cwt., according to the type of engine installed, which makes it between 7 and 15 per cent. heavier than the Renault 4 c.v. and 15 to 21 per cent. lighter than the Minor.

The bonnet is in one piece with the wings, bumpers and headlamp mountings, and thus when raised there is complete access both to the engine and the front suspension system. It will be noted that the air intake to the radiator core is much nearer than is usual by U.S. standards.

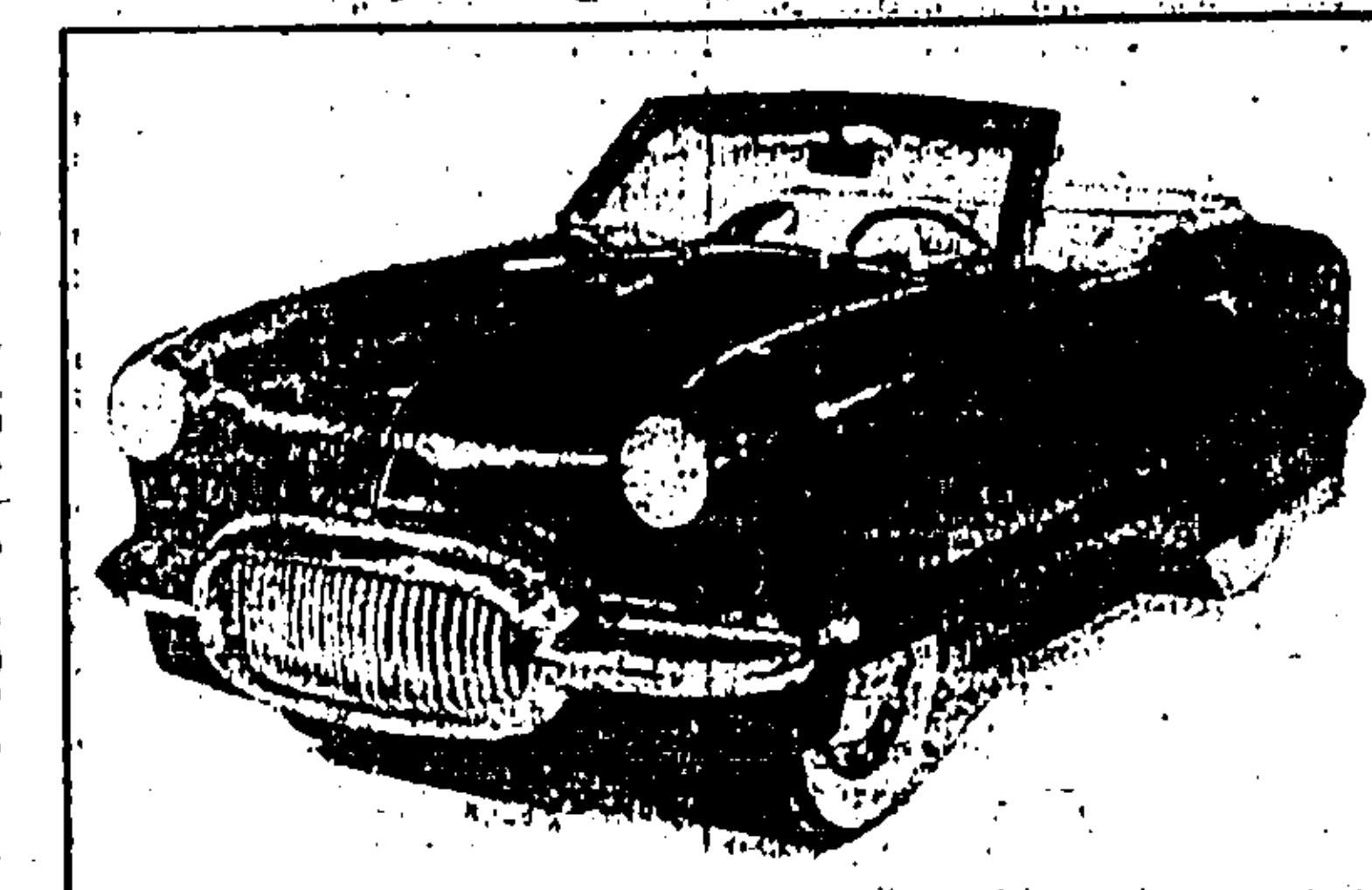
The back of the car has been simplified by eliminating the usual door to the rear locker, the luggage being put into place by swinging forward the back of the seats. The space for the licence plate at the back matches the styling of the front air intake, and in both cases these assemblies are combined with the bumpers. This car is called the "N.X.I." which stands for Nash-Experimental-International, and it is estimated that it can be sold for \$1,000.

The car was unveiled in the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York recently, and as there exhibited is powered by an overhead-valve F.I.A.T. 500 engine, which develops 18 h.p. Provision is, however, made for the alter-

native installation of a 1 1/2-litre engine, developing 30 h.p., and this, it is estimated, would raise the speed from 60 m.p.h. to over 70 m.p.h. at a cost of approximately 7 m.p.g.

Visibility and manoeuvrability.
 The car has a number of detail features of some interest. A point of special interest is the low bonnet height, giving in itself good forward visibility and, in combination with the extended wings at a higher level, a valuable means of sighting the car and controlling its position on the road.

For the occasions when position in relation to other traffic be misjudged, there is a sensible feature in the form of a protruding band



When not required, the hood of this Nash Model NXI packs away into a bag coiled to match the upholstery. The top section of the door, padded to provide an elbow rest, is clearly shown in this photograph.

which follows the side of the body and joins, in effect, the front and rear bumpers. Here an effort to take the car through a space slightly smaller than its overall width will do no more than damage this particular part of the body, which may properly be awarded the title "aided fender."

A further commendable feature is the recessed top of the door, which provides a comfortable armrest at natural height for either driver or passenger, and does not interfere with the side window when the latter is raised.

European components.
 Contrary to common practice, the use of a folding top has not involved a very limited rear view, for the design of the panels is such that virtually the whole of the back of the top is transparent. Apart from the design itself,

this new Nash project is particularly interesting to the European automobile industry, for if the car is made in quantity it is intended that engines, gearboxes and axles, or at least the major components thereof, should be purchased from Europe.

By this means Nash expect to eliminate "tooling" costs that would put a prohibitive price on the car in the light of the limited sales that are expected, to reduce development costs and simultaneously to provide European factories with a special opportunity to earn dollar exchange.

Production would not be in the existing Nash plant at Detroit, but in new factories on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, which would

offer the utmost economy from the viewpoint of the import of component parts and the export of complete cars.

It must, however, be made clear that the Nash Co. has not yet finally determined to manufacture this car, but will make a decision based upon the reception given by the public to this prototype announcement.

Those who know American business methods will not be surprised to know that this test of public feeling is being highly organized.

Tested reaction.
 At the Waldorf 600 invited guests were given a questionnaire which included such questions as:

"How do you like the appearance of the new Nash?"

"Do you like the deep windscreen? The elimination of needless ornament and chrome? The one-piece bonnet, bumper and wing assembly?"

The inside access to luggage space? Other questions were: "If this car were available today, would you buy one as your only car or as a second car?"

Would your choice be influenced if parts were built by well-known European constructors?"

This is merely the start of a market survey which will take the opinion of about a quarter million people in widely separated centres, such as Washington, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

A particular effort will be made to discover if the car will be thought satisfactory as an alternative by those families who already have two cars, or whether it would create a market for it.

self amongst those who, although not able to afford two full-scale cars of current U.S. type, would like to have a small second car if the first and maintenance costs were sufficiently low.

The new Chevrolet.
 The audaces are shown to be favourable, it would still take between a year and 18 months to get this new project into production, but quite separately, therefrom there will be another "Nash" intended for competition in the Chevrolet-Ford-Plymouth class. This will be ready in the next few months as the tooling for this car has been already completed, and preparation for manufacture is commencing.

It will be evident from the foregoing that no one expects any new small car to displace the 60 h.p. 3 1/2-litre model, which is the typical "people's car" of the U.S., and in this class Chevrolet has led numerically for many years, so that it is literally correct to say that this product of the General Motors group is one of the most popular cars in the world.

In 1949 the cars were completely rebodied in the envelope style and with a curved windscreen, and the design of the front suspension system considerably revised to give improved geometry.

Neither the engine nor the transmission of this car has, however, been substantially changed for many years, and Chevrolet therefore has remained one of the few companies in the U.S.A. in which the customer had to take a friction clutch and three-speed synchromesh gear without the option of any form of fluid drive, automatic or semi-automatic gear change, or even overdrive.

This technical quiescence has been succeeded by an audacious stroke, the standardisation of a full-torque-converter transmission based on the experience of Buick with their Dynaflo, introduced two years ago.

It must be made clear that although a hydraulic torque converter and a fluid flywheel have many similarities in construction, they have a basic dissimilarity in performance. The fluid flywheel is a substitute for the friction clutch. In effect, it automatically disengages itself at the idling speed of the engine and gives perfect and infinitely graduated take-up as the engine speed is raised. Until at over, say, 800 r.p.m., the drive is 98 per cent solid.

For this reason it is quite easy to start a car on level ground in top gear using the fluid flywheel, just as it is possible for the highly skilled driver to do the same thing with a really well-designed friction clutch. Neither driving skill nor clutch design will, however, affect the acceleration which can be obtained in top (or any other) gear, or the gradient that the car will climb without needing a lower gear ratio.

Torque converter.
 A torque converter is a much more complicated piece of mechanism than the fluid flywheel, but it not only embraces all the functions of this device but it adds to them in a limited degree an ability to raise the torque and eliminate the need for gears.

In the General Motors design the increase in torque is about 2.1, corresponding with a rather greater difference in speed between the crankshaft and the propeller shaft. Assuming, there-

Studebaker sets new mark

The Studebaker Champion had the highest miles per U.S. gallon record of all cars in the Mobilgas Grand Canyon Economy Run which was completed recently. The Champion averages 26.851 miles per gallon which was made with overdrive transmission over a 751 miles course.

This contest bases its official mileage on the miles of gasoline mileage. On that basis the Land Cruiser won first place in Class E, the Champion won second place in Class C, and the Com-

mander entry won third in Class D.

The actual miles per gallon (not on the basis of ten miles) were for the Champion as stated above, 26.851 miles, the highest of all cars participating, while the Land Cruiser made 24.887 miles per gallon and the Commander entry in Class D made 23.794 miles per gallon.

All computations were based on the U.S. gallon, which is equivalent to .8327 Imperial gallon.

of an ordinary gearbox must be provided.

In the General Motors design now adopted by Chevrolet this condition is met by an epicyclic gear placed behind the torque converter, the bands of which are operated by oil pressure and the unit is arranged that it will also reverse the rotation of the propeller shaft.

With this transmission, therefore, the driver would normally use only the accelerator pedal and the brake, and for reverse purposes would move a lever placed beneath the steering wheel which would direct oil pressure to connect the epicyclic gear in the required way.

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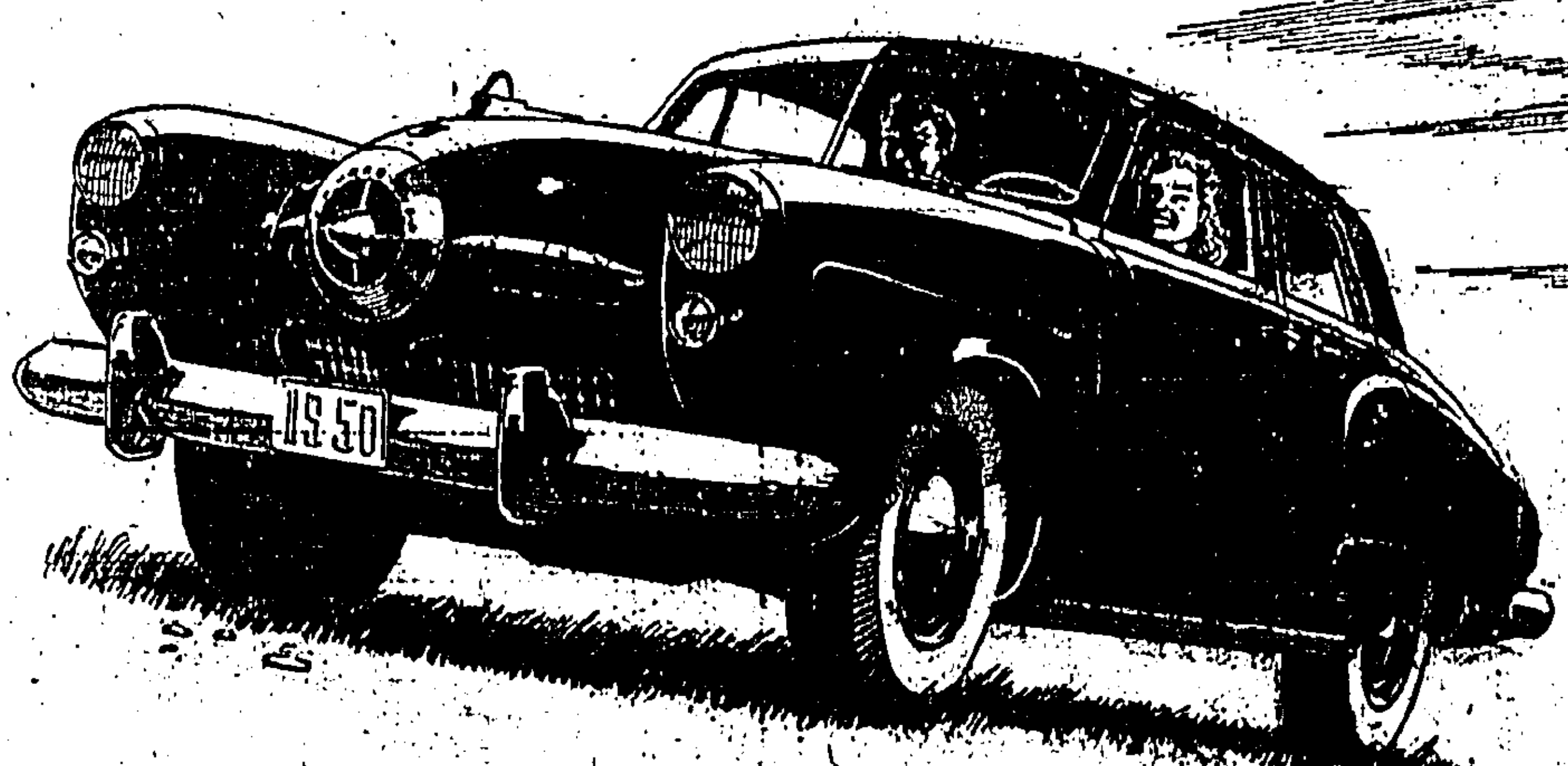
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Pope Pius XII (seated at right) watches a demonstration of the set of a television transmitter and receiver presented to him by the people of France, in the Vatican City. The apparatus was made in France by French technicians. Standing by the Pope is Count Wladimir d'Ormesson, French Ambassador to the Holy See. Others are dignitaries of the Papal Court, members of the Ambassador's party, and French radio technicians. (AP Photo).

KILLEARN SAYS:

POSITION GETTING WORSE IN MALAYA

London, April 5.

Lord Killearn, just back from a trip to bandit-ridden Malaya, told the House of Lords today: "It is generally agreed out there that the position is worse than it has been for the last six months."

"It is unsafe to walk any distance outside the confines of Kuala Lumpur city," he said during a discussion of the Malayan problem. "Surrounding the Kuala Lumpur airfield are some low hills which were definitely unsafe and cannot be entered."

"The city, capital of Malaya, is linked to Singapore by a railway and a motor road, neither of which are safe, and nobody, if they can possibly help it, will travel by road or rail to Kuala Lumpur," he added. "If they do, it is at their peril."

Lord Killearn, who left Malaya a fortnight ago, said the railroad station only seven miles from Johore Bahru, the capital of Johore, adjoining the Causeway to Singapore, was burned out, and incidents occurred every day.

"I do not want to overpaint this picture, but the situation is very bad," he said.

"In the past we have talked about these miscreants as bandits, but one has to ask whether the situation has not changed a little and become guerrilla warfare, I believe myself that it has."

"There is one section organised in uniform with battalions and

companies and very ably directed and served by a large body of others not in uniform throughout the country, many of them terrorised into sympathy, but serving."

Good intelligence

The Intelligence Service is extremely good, and I suspect it is better than ours."

Lord Killearn said that when he was in Malaya six months ago, the generally accepted figure was between 2,000 and 3,000 still in the field.

"Enquiries now seem to establish that there are still several thousand in the field, so there is obviously something wrong with the original arithmetic," he added.

Lord Killearn added: "One area where perhaps there is a little ray of sunshine is in Indonesia."

"The Dutch and the Indonesians are making good, and it is rather refreshing to find one area where things are looking a little better. But it is obvious throughout the whole area that this question of China has had a radical effect."

"There is not the slightest doubt that it has inspired the guerrillas in their morale."

"When I read out there that the recognition of China by us had had no effect on these guerrillas, we were all just amazed, because it is untrue."

General's job

The Colonial Secretary, James Griffiths, told Parliament today that General Sir Harold Briggs would be responsible for offensive action against the terrorists in Malaya.

"He will not be in direct command of troops or police. In consultation with the police and heads of fighting forces he will decide the tasks the forces employed on anti-bandit operations are to carry out," said Mr. Griffiths.

He explained to questioners that General Briggs will be responsible for overall planning of an offensive against the bandits and allocation of tasks to security forces. "He will decide priorities between these tasks and general timing and execution."

Mr. L. Gammans asked "Does that mean he has executive responsibility for seeking actions against the bandits but not executive control over the police or troops?"

Mr. Griffiths answered: "His task will be to co-ordinate the activities of the police and fighting service." He refused to answer when Mr. Gammans wanted

to know what co-ordination meant in this connection.

RAF activity

More than 250,000 pounds of supplies were dropped by the RAF in Malaya last month, an RAF communique announced in London last night.

The communique said: During the month of March the RAF based in Malaya and Singapore continued the offensive against bandits. While air strikes were not so numerous as in the previous two months—30 involving 133 sorties—the amount of supplies dropped exceeded 250,000 pounds, the second highest monthly total yet reached.

"RAF Dakotas aircraft during the month dropped 633 paracatches in addition to a large number of 'free' drops (supplies dropped without parachutes) on 147 dropping zones throughout Malaya, compared with 450 paracatches dropped last month.

"The total amount of supplies dropped by RAF Dakotas since the beginning of the campaign now exceeds 2,750,000 pounds," Associated Press and United Press.

CANNES PREPARES FOR PRINCESS

The Villa Lechman is being prepared today at Mougins, near Cannes, for a possible stay by Princess Elizabeth on Monday and Tuesday.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

Butlin rings up curtain

Miami. Billy Butlin begins his drive for dollars tomorrow. His Vacation Village on Grand Bahama Island, 60 miles off the Florida coast, opens for business.

A BOAC aeroplane leaves here with a group of officials and newspaper men to see the curtain rise on what is touted variously as "an Island Paradise...the world's most exciting playground...an English Village on America's doorstep..." and "the greatest holiday bargain in history for Americans of middle and low incomes."

Mr. Butlin has spent nearly \$3,000,000 building this lavish resort, and expects it ultimately to garner about \$200,000-worth of hard American dollars per week.

Its 24 shops are filled with British luxury goods available at cut-rate, devalued prices to American tourists.

A bold, audacious project

It is a bold and audacious project, and its scope has made even Florida's millionaire showmen gasp.

Some are sceptical of its success and forecast that Butlin will lose his shirt. In the Butlin camp itself there is complete optimism. There is also some confusion. Because of American red tape, restrictions and regulations, there have been several delays in the opening.

It was only two days ago that permission was granted by the American authorities for passenger planes to land on Grand Bahama Island.

Butlin has had to build not only a substantially sized pleasure town, a miniature Blackpool and Brighton, with tropical overtones—he has had, also, to build a major airport and harbour.

Exporting vacations for dollars

Workmen, materials, building equipment, machinery, food, and drink have all been shipped, or flown in from supply sources on the mainland and from adjoining islands.

It has been a back-breaking job, but Butlin has done it. He says: "I am here to sell holidays. I'm exporting vacations for dollars."

Tens of thousands of pounds have been spent on advertising and publicity, and I only hope they have been well spent.

Many travel and tourist agencies in this area lack incentive, brochures, and booklets. I have called at a dozen, and the countermen and clerks had nothing to tell me and no literature to give me.

The agencies were stocked with gaudy multi-page booklets proclaiming Miami's marvels and Palm Beach's pearls, but there was nothing about Butlin.

This shortcoming will have to be rectified if American trippers are to turn up in thousands on

Grand Bahama Island and Britain is to receive the dollars.

Transportation will have to be tackled also. At present the only way to get to Butlin's island is by plane, and many people don't like flying. A steamer service is essential if the Vacation Village is to be a great dollar-earning success.

There will be everything there tomorrow on Grand Bahama except customers. The first big batch of tourists—a group of 300 General Electric workers from New York—goes there on February 9 on a block-booking basis.

The formal opening, with various titled people, celebrities, big names and shining lights attending, will not be until March. Tomorrow's unveiling will be a dress rehearsal, with Mr. and Mrs. Butlin and Sir Bette Clifford, chairman of the board, on the stage and a group of newspaper men in the stalls.

I go there with an open mind and a notebook.

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The big attraction, apart from the luxury of the village, the variety of entertainment, and the perfect setting, is the cheap price—cheap, that is, by American standards.

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Mr. Butlin, aiming high, has shot the works and hopes to bring home the dollars.

German Reds call off Berlin march

Berlin, April 5.

There will be no bloody clashes in Berlin at Whitsun, because the Communist-controlled, Free German Youth have cancelled their plans to march through the Western sectors, a leading official of the Free German Youth told Reuters today.

"The Western politicians are hoping to divert the attention of West Berliners from their hopeless economic plight by provoking clashes and forecasting Communist putsch plans when 300,000 youth march through Berlin at Whitsun in a huge peace demonstration," the official said.

"These politicians and the dozens of foreign journalists who are coming to see the street fighting will be disappointed."

"We shall continue to demand the right to demonstrate for peace throughout the whole city but in order to rob the provocateurs of all excuses we shall confine our march to the Eastern sector."

"This decision was announced by Herr Heinz Lippman, the Secretary of our Central Committee, on March 23 but Western newspapers have seen fit to ignore the announcement and continue to shriek for American tanks and paratroopers to protect them," the official said.

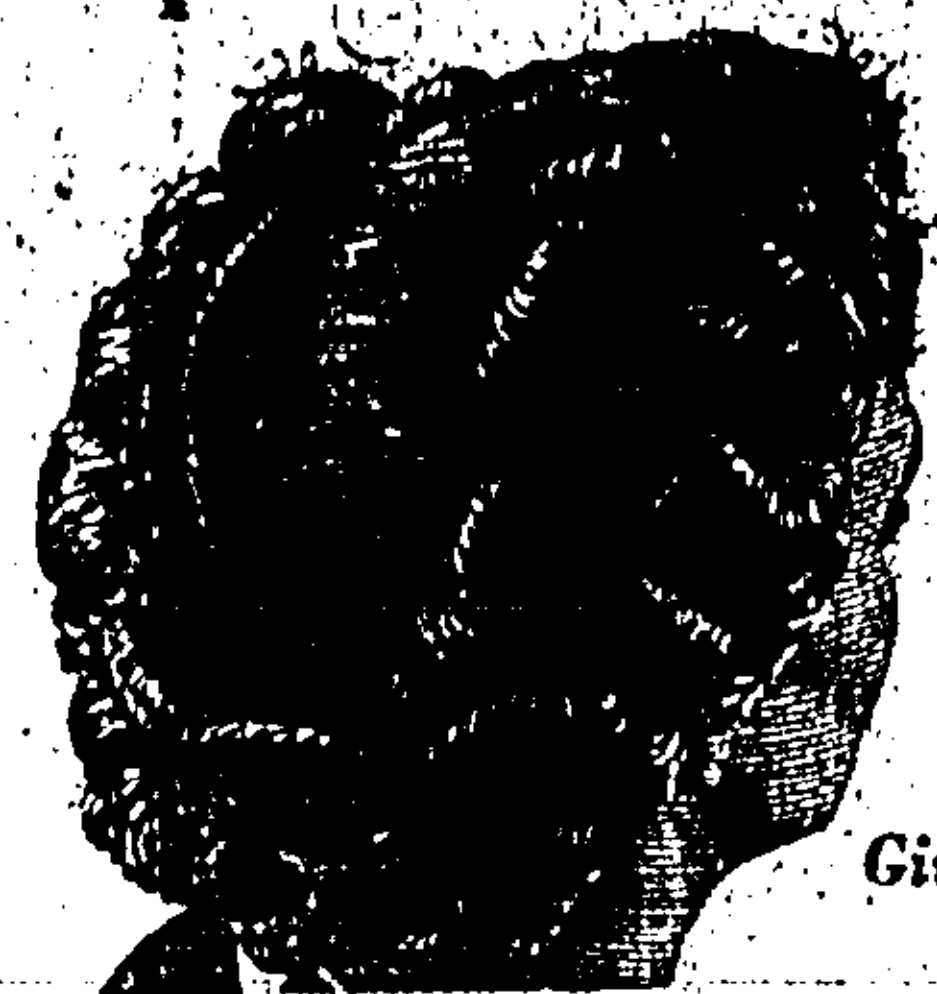
British and French officials in Berlin today described as exaggerated, American reports of the setting up of a Western "General Staff" to deal with possible disorders at Whitsun.

A special committee of the Allied Kommandatura was set up some weeks ago to co-ordinate security measures more closely, and the work of the various

sections of the Kommandatura has become progressively closer in recent months," a British spokesman said.

"Co-operation has always been very cordial and close, and there has been no necessity to overhaul the machinery or set up any sort of General Staff," Reuters.

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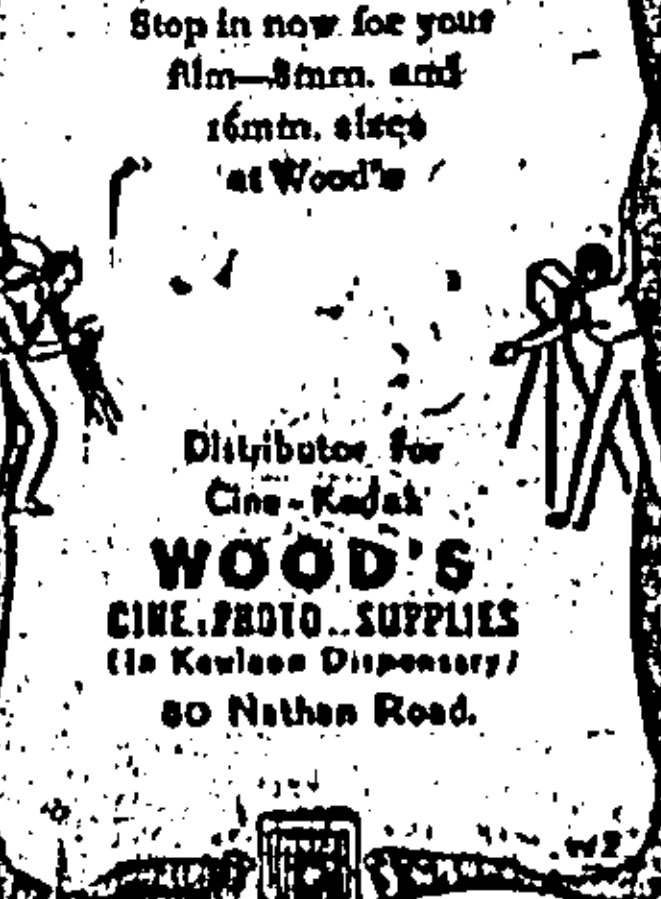
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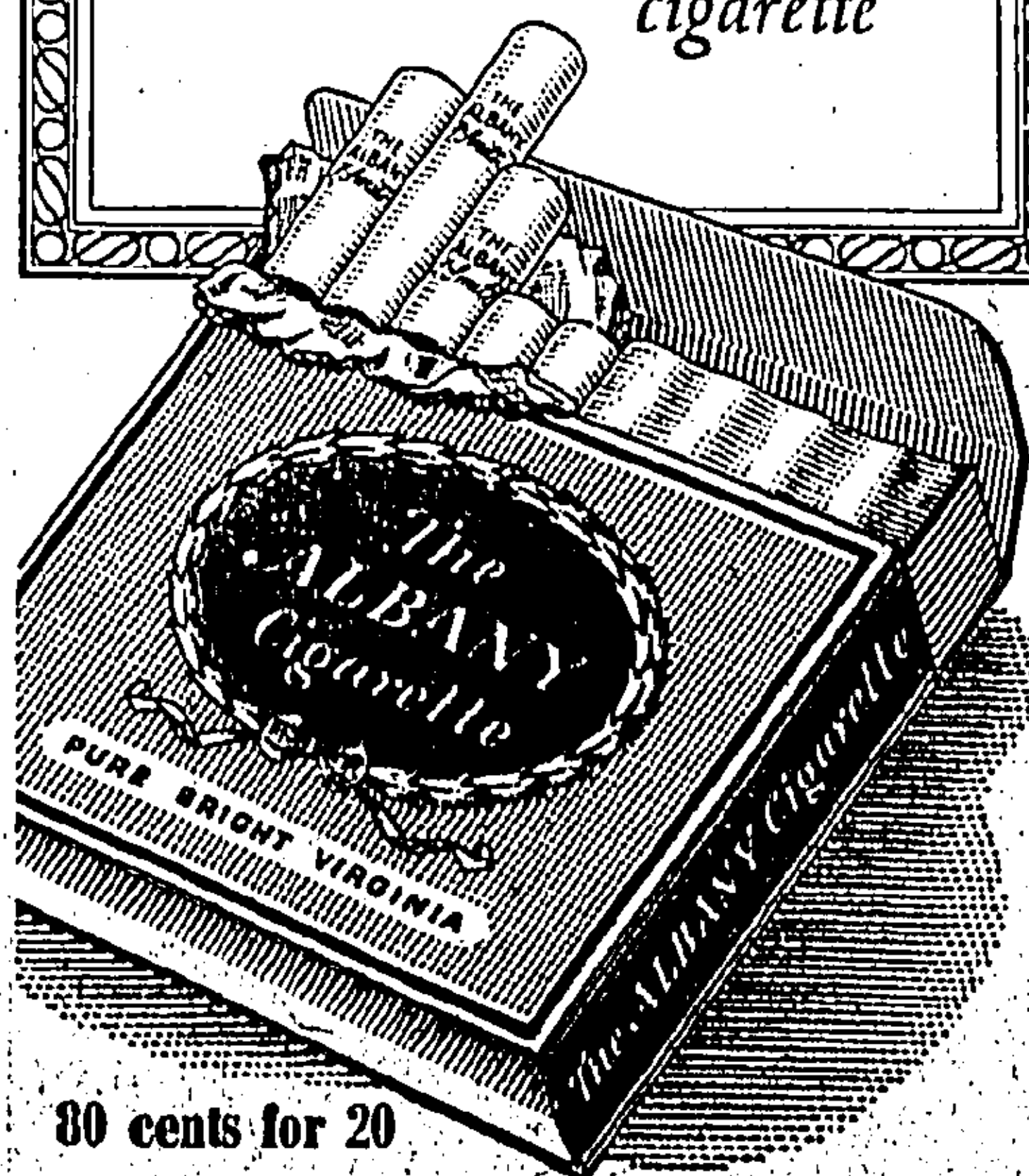
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POLICE CLASH WITH RIOTERS IN PARIS

Paris, April 5.

The broad Champs Elysees became a littered battlefield today as truncheon-charging police and stone-throwing demonstrators clashed by the hundreds in front of the offices of the newspaper "Figaro."

Cafe chairs and tables were hurled through the air by screaming, shouting demonstrators, who were pushed back from "Figaro's" ramparts by the swirling, cutting capes of a solid wall of police.

The Communist-led demonstrators, massed in protest against "Figaro's" publishing of the memoirs of Otto Skorzeny, the SS colonel who rescued Mussolini in 1944, resisted the police attack—and then truncheons came out.

In a chaotic, free-for-all, the lines broke and merged in a reeling battle over hundreds of square yards, the demonstrators shouting, "Nazi Figaro."

Scores of attackers and attacked were hit by stones, smashed cafe tables and chairs. Truncheons came down, were seized, and returned to the heads of the police in the hands of demonstrators.

Two battle lines formed. The rioters' line, retreating slowly towards the Arc de Triomphe, scooped cups off cafe tables and hurled them, together with anything else they could lay their hands on.

Cafe wrecked

The vast cafe Marignan, where the battle had swept past it, had about 150 broken or damaged chairs piled outside, amidst dunes of smashed glass and china.

After about 20 minutes both sides regrouped. The police fell back to positions around the "Figaro's" office, followed by derisive howls and a hail of stones.

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One policeman had a truncheon in one hand and a cash in the other. Another limped along on the shoulders of two comrades.

An American photographer was hit on the back of the head. Foreign holidaymakers stood bewildered in doorways.

In the debris lay the fragments of the huge glass doors of the Marignan Cinema.

Several injured

Several demonstrators were carried on stretchers to the police command station. No seriously injured policemen were seen.

Vans of Police reinforcements were hurriedly summoned to supplement the already heavily guarded building for this second battle around "Figaro" in a week.

By an encircling movement the police cleared the avenue for several hundred yards and set up barricades. About 300 rioters regrouped and advanced, shouting.

The police waited quietly, truncheons in hand. For several hundred yards around, the Champs Elysees was as empty as the day the Germans entered Paris.

Two hours after the outbreak the fashionable Champs Elysees was again quiet. No figure of the numbers arrested or injured was immediately available.—Reuters.

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Acheson to visit Paris

Paris, April 5.
The Secretary of State,
Dean Acheson, will discuss
aid to Indo-China with
French leaders in Paris next
month, the Foreign Office said
today.

Mr. Acheson will visit Paris
on May 6 for two days of
talks with the Foreign Minis-
ter, Robert Schuman, and the
Premier, Georges Bidault, on
his way to a meeting of the
Big Three Western Foreign
Ministers in London on May 8.

"The main problem," the
spokesman said, "is the speed
by which the U.S. delivers
the aid it has promised to
Indo-China." America has
pledged \$200 million and plans to
divert to French-supported
Indo-China part of the \$75,000,-
000 military budget originally
allocated to Nationalist China.
—Associated Press.

TRUCULENT TO BE SCRAPPED

London, April 5.
The submarine Truculent, sal-
vaged from the bed of the Thames
Estuary where she sank with the
loss of 61 lives in January, is to
be scrapped, the Admiralty an-
nounced today.

Accessories and motors which
can be repaired will be put into
service again. The rest of the
vessel will be broken up.

Truculent sank after a collision
off Sheerness, Kent, with the
Swedish motor tanker Divina.
Launched at the end of 1942, she
cost about £350,000 to build.—
Reuters.

SHINWELL STATEMENT ON STRACHEY AFFAIR

London, April 5.

The Defence Minister, Emanuel Shinwell, told Par-
liament today that the position of the War
Minister, John Strachey, was never mentioned
during Atlantic Pact defence talks at The
Hague last week.

"I know of no discussions, and if any suggestion
had been made to me officially or unofficially
regarding the integrity or loyalty of Mr.
Strachey, I would have repudiated it at once,"
Mr. Shinwell declared in the House of Com-
mons.

Labour Party supporters of
the Attlee Government cheer-
ed.

The Associated Press quoted a
highly placed source on Saturday
as saying that Mr. Strachey, who
has been accused in some quar-
ters of Communist leanings,
would be bypassed on defence
secrets handed to Britain by the
United States.

Later, Louis Johnson, the
American Defence Minister, told
reporters that he himself denies
such matters direct with Mr.
Shinwell and that it is up to Mr.
Shinwell what he does with the
information.

A Labour Government spokes-
man at No. 10 Downing Street,
official residence of the Prime
Minister Mr. Attlee, denounced
the AP story on Monday.

Mr. Attlee and Mr. Strachey
himself have denied formally
that the former Food Minister
was ever a Communist. But
he publicly disavowed his
say he publicly disavowed his
Communist sympathies—ex-
pressed in the writings and
speeches of his younger days
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No illusions

Mr. Shinwell made his remark
about Mr. Strachey during a
report to the House on the
Hague meeting. He said that
the Atlantic Pact Defence Com-
mittee had made substantial pro-
gress since its meeting in Wa-
shington six months ago.

"There are many difficulties,
including questions of finance
and supply, still to be dealt
with before the idea embodied

in the treaty can be fully
realised," Mr. Shinwell said.

"We have no illusions about
the task which lies before us or
about the efforts which will be
required to give effective force
and content to the strategic plans
to which we have in principle
assented."

He promised he would
endeavour to keep the House
informed, but said that in the
common interest of the countries
concerned it will be necessary
to observe a high standard of se-
curity.

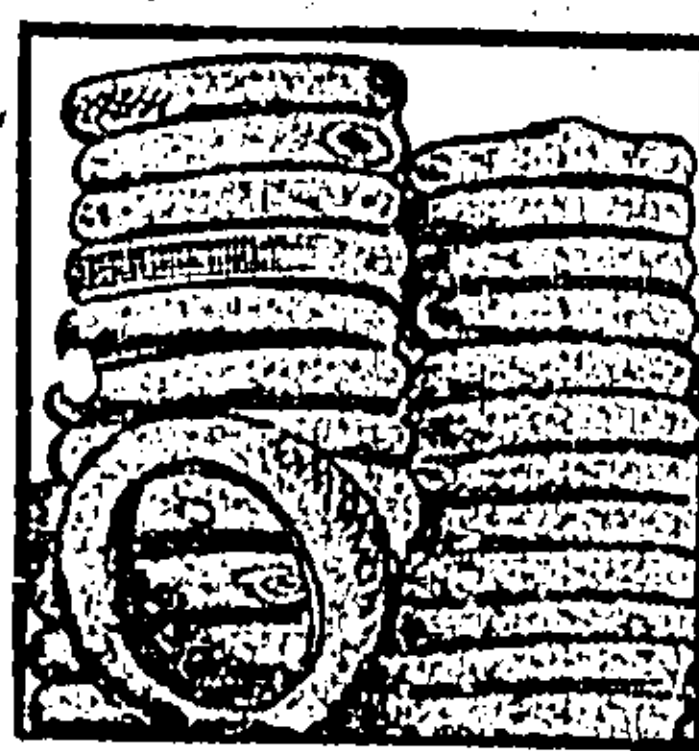
Winston comment

The Conservative leader,
Winston Churchill commented:

"Is it not lamentable that with
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all these meetings of great con-
sequence between the most im-
portant people in different parts
of the world, so little real pro-
gress should have been made in
making a front and a defence in
the much more than 12 months
which have elapsed since the At-
lantic Pact was signed?"

"I quite agree," Mr. Shinwell
replied, "that substantial pro-
gress sounds like a platitude, but
I hope to dispose of the platitude
as soon as it is possible to give
to this House and all the coun-
tries concerned fuller informa-
tion."—Associated Press.

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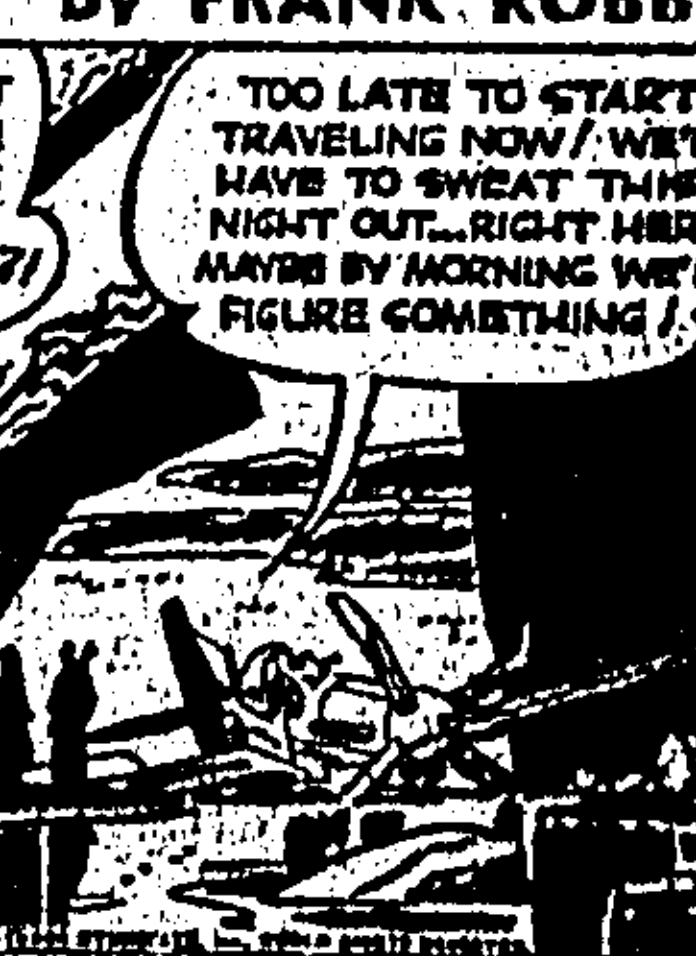
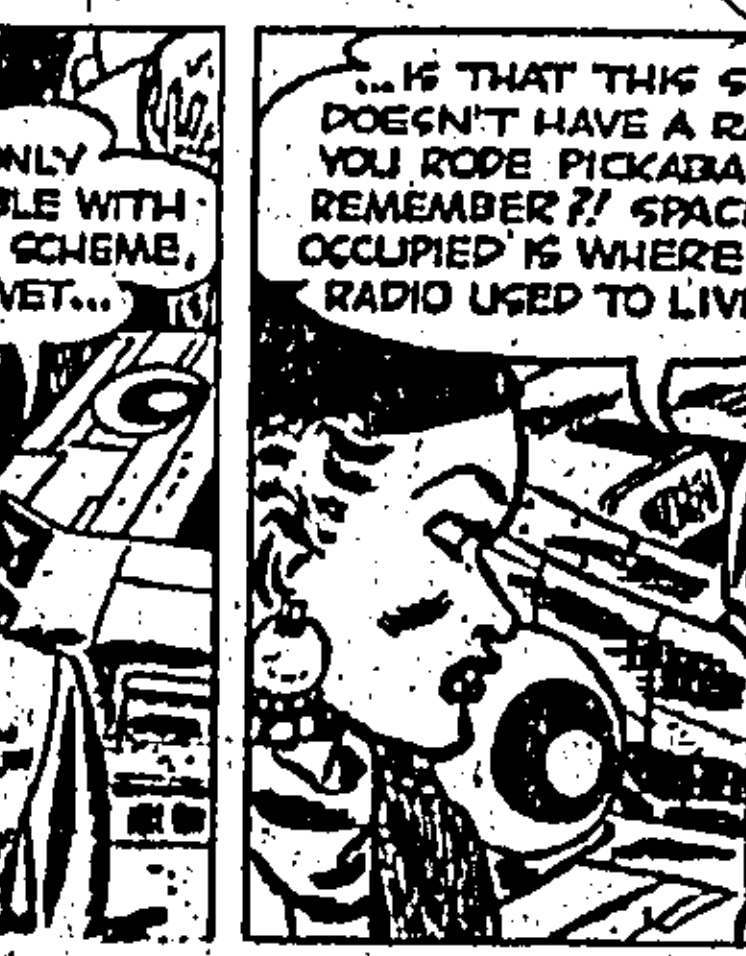
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VAN ZEELAND TAKES A HAND IN CRISIS

Brussels, April 5.

M. Paul Van Zeeland, Catholic and an ardent monarchist, today took on the job of trying to end Belgium's 18-day-old Government crisis over the return of King Leopold to the throne. But while rumours of a new appeasement plan swept the capital, the exiled monarch insisted that he would be guided only by the decision of Parliament.

Yesterday, after the Liberal leader, Mr. Albert Devezze, abandoned his week's attempts to form a Government, the Roman Catholics announced that they had completed plans to end the King's five-year exile within this month.

M. Devezze tried unsuccessfully to find a compromise, said to involve King Leopold's returning

for a short time, then abdicating in favour of his son, Prince Baudouin. He warned the King in a surprise visit to Leopold's villa, near Geneva, on Monday of disorders threatening the nation should he return.

M. Van Zeeland, 57-year-old retiring Chairman of the Organiza-

tion for European Economic Co-Operation, and Foreign Minister in the old Catholic-Liberal Coalition, is the third Catholic to try to solve the crisis.

The Catholics, the largest party in Parliament, have a small overall majority but are too short in the Lower Chamber. It was on the issue of whether the Houses should meet together to decide on Leopold's return that the Liberals left the Government 18 days ago.

King adamant

M. Devezze laid down his Cabinet-making job yesterday soon after the announcement that Professor Jacques Pirenne, head of King Leopold's Brussels Secretariat, had joined the procession to the Geneva villa.

Before leaving yesterday, Professor Pirenne told the Belgian press agency Deiga that the King still stood rigorously by the declaration made to the Presidents of the Houses of Parliament—his affirmation that he would abdicate only by decision of Parliament.

Despite the rumours of a new appeasement plan, the Professor said that no delaying formula was envisaged.

Before leaving yesterday, Professor Pirenne had prolonged talks at his suburban home with the Catholic "Caretaker," M. Gaston Eyskens.

New coalition?

M. Van Zeeland began his consultations immediately after accepting the Cabinet-forming mission. His first talks were with M. Frans Van Cauwelaert, Catholic President of the Chamber of Deputies—the Belgian Lower House—and of Robert Gillon, Liberal President of the Senate—the Upper House.

Later he saw M. Roger Motz, Chairman of the Liberal Party. It is generally believed that M. Van Zeeland will first try to form a new Catholic-Liberal coalition.

Yesterday M. Motz announced that no member of the Liberal Party will be allowed to join in any two-Party Government without the approval of the Party's National Executive which is due to meet shortly after Easter. Therefore, it is not expected that M. Van Zeeland will rush his consultations.

A few members of the Liberal Party have announced their intention of giving Parliamentary support to any government whose programme provided for a joint session of Parliament called to vote an end to the Regency—Reuter.

RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 415—Allyceles per second and on 5.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

FRIDAY — 7.

H.K.T.	
A.M.	
7.58—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
8.00—World News, (London Relay)	
8.10—"Good Friday Mass"—Relay from the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Cebu, Manila.	
9.10—"Meditative Music"—A Programme of Continuous Music.	
9.45—Alfred Campbell, (Violin)	
10.00—Andre Kostelanetz and His Orchestra.	
10.30—"The Crucifixion" (Bliners). Sung by Richard Crooks (Tenor), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone), W. Glenn and F. Croston, with Mark Andrews at the Organ with Trinity Church Choir of New York.	
11.30—Music from British Films.	

P.M.

12.00—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BBCTS)	
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
12.35—H.K.C. Variety Orchestra (With Organ).	
12.45—Jazz Norello and His Music.	
1.00—Good Friday Service from St. John's Church, Rehill, Suez. Conducted by the Rev. J. H. Phillips. (London Relay)	
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.	
1.25—Interlude.	
1.30—Morning Concert.	
2.00—"The Boyd New String Orchestra."	
2.25—St. Matthew Passion (Bach) Choir of St. Thomas Church & Gewandhaus Orchest. Leipzig.	
4.00—World News, (London Relay)	
4.15—Piano Solo.	
4.35—"On the Way"—A Play by Anton Chekhov. Adapted for Broadcast by Joyce Bell, with Richard Ainley as Gregory Likariff. (BBCTS)	
5.00—Hambus Van Gersy and His Orch.	
5.30—"Good Friday Service from St. John's Church, Rehill, Suez. Conducted by the Rev. J. H. Phillips. (London Relay)	
6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
6.02—"The New Concert Orchestra."	
6.20—"Strings with Wings"—George Melachrino Orchestra with Paul Green & Wilfred Barnes. (GBTS)	
7.00—"Music Lovers Hour"—Classical and Light Classical Requests. Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio)	
8.00—"World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)	
8.15—Recital by Lala Vincent. (Contralto) with Piano Accompaniment by Betty Brown. (Studio)	
8.30—"London Studio Melodies"—"Echoes from the Theatre" (BBCTS)	
9.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)	
9.10—Weather Report.	
9.11—Tip Top Tune.	
9.30—"Far from the Madding Crowd"—A Wessex Comedy by Thomas Hardy. (Episode) "A Journey to Italy." (BBCTS)	
10.00—"The Composer of the Week"—Schumann.	
10.25—Mantovani and His Orchestra—Tanzgong.	
10.40—"The Kentucky Minstrels."	
11.00—"Radio News Reel. (London Relay)	
11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)	
11.30—"Parade"—Prelude: "Good Friday" Music (Wagner) Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra. Conducted by Wilhelm Furtwangler.	
11.55—"Good Friday"—Episode—Conducted by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach. (Studio)	
God Save the King.	
12.00—Close Down.	

SATURDAY — 8.

A.M.	
7.58—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
8.00—World News, (London Relay)	
8.10—"Sports Results. (Studio)	
8.12—"Morning Melody."	
9.15—River Review.	
9.30—"Music For You."—Gerald and His Orchestra with the Gerald Singers, Carol Carr, and Denny Vaughan. (ORBS)	
10.00—"Hit Parade"—The Voice of America.	
10.30—"Romantic Life."	
11.00—British Concert Hall—BBC Symphony Orchestra. (BBCTS)	

P.M.

12.00—London Studio Melodies—The Melachrino Orchestra with Linbeth Webb (Vocal). (BBCTS)	
12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.	
12.35—Stephane Grappelly and His Musicians.	
12.45—Popular Variety.	
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.	
1.25—Interlude.	
1.30—"Nothing But Music"—Queen's Hall Light Orchestra conducted by (BBCTS)	
2.00—"Forces' Choice"—Presented by Cyril Lewis. (Studio)	
2.30—"American Patrol"—A Programme of Record Characters Introduced by Lionel Loe. (Studio)	
3.00—"Hospital Requests"—Presented by Linda Cater. (Studio)	
4.00—"World News, (London Relay)	
4.10—"La Carita"—A Light Variety Programme from the Studio.	
4.30—"Have a Go"—A Quiz Programme—Introduced by Wilfred Pickles. (BBCTS)	
5.00—"Hit Parade"—Linda Cater. (BBCTS)	
5.30—"The Adventures of Richard Jannay"—by John Buchanan. Adapted for Broadcast by Wilfred Carey. No. 2. "The Green Touring Car." (London Relay)	
6.00—"Ray's a Laugh." (London Relay)	
7.00—"It's Swing Time."	
7.30—"Variety Bandbox"—from the Camerwell Palace London. (BBCTS)	
8.00—"World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)	
8.15—"Saturday Round-Up."	
8.30—"Time for Music"—The BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (BBCTS)	
9.00—"From the Editorials."—(London Relay)	
9.10—Weather Report.	
9.11—"Sports Results. (Studio)	
9.15—"George Mitchell Chole."	
9.30—"The Canterbury Tales"—Chaucer's Poem adapted for broadcasting by Nevill Coghill. No. 6. "The Tale of the Monk and of the Nun's Priest." (BBCTS)	
10.20—"Cabaret and Dance Music."	
11.00—"Radio News Reel. (London Relay)	
11.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)	
11.30—"London Theatre Orchestra. God Save the King."	
12.00—Close Down.	

PAKISTAN AT U.S. FAIR?

Karachi, April 5. Governor Stevenson of Illinois has invited the Pakistan Government to participate in the first United States International Trade Fair to be held in Chicago on August 17.

The Pakistan Government has already participated in British and other European trade fairs in the past, and it is likely to accept Governor Stevenson's invitation—Associated Press.

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FRIDAY — 7.

A.M.	
7.00—Up With The Sun.	
7.30—Musical Clock.	
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.	
8.00—News and Weather Forecast.	
8.15—Random Rhythms.	
8.45—Programme for Women.	
9.00—Morning Music.	
9.30—Ed. A. Keller Show.	
10.00—Morning Melody.	
10.30—Concert & Keyboard.	
11.00—Music For All.	

P.M.	
12.00—B.B.C. Stock Exchange.	
12.15—Tune Time.	
12.30—Dance Music.	
1.00—Ringer.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—Music For You.	
2.00—Friday Concert.	
4.00—Slim Bryant and His Wildcats.	
4.15—Today's Choice.	
4.30—Vocally Yours.	
5.00—Music Makers.	
5.15—Children's Corner.	
5.30—Harmony Hall.	
5.45—Radio Headliners.	
6.00—Rediffusion Request Programme.	
6.30—"The Jumps" Jacks.	
6.45—Do You Remember.	
7.00—Romantic Cycles.	
7.15—Cambridge and Silver.	
8.00—B.B.C. News.	
8.10—Local News.	
8.15—The Sweetest Screeners.	
8.30—Allen Roth's Symphony of Melody.	
9.00—"The Stars Sing."	
9.15—Time out with Allan Prosser.	
9.30—"Cheer Time"	
10.00—B.B.C. News.	
10.10—Local News.	
10.15—Relay.	
11.00—Music of Manhattan.	
11.30—A Date with Dreamland.	
11.45—Standstill.	
12.00—Close Down.	

SATURDAY — 8.

A.M.	
7.00—Up With The Sun.	
7.15—Setting Up Exercises.	
7.30—Musical Clock.	
7.45—Ed. A. Keller Show.	
8.00—News & Weather Forecast.	
8.15—Salon Concert Players.	
9.00—Morning Music.	
9.30—Saturday's Music.	
10.00—Morning Melody.	
10.30—Concert & Keyboard.	
11.00—Music For All.	

P.M.	
12.00—Financial and World News.	
12.15—Strike Up The Band.	
12.30—Dance Music.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—"The Week's Composer."	
2.00—Variety Calls The Tune.	
4.00—"The Novelties Trio."	
4.15—Tropicals.	
4.30—Vocally Yours.	
5.00—Music Makers.	
5.15—Blazing Strides.	
5.30—Much Blinding in the Marsh.	
6.01—Unit Requests.	
7.00—Presenting Joy Nichols.	
7.15—"Al The Opera."	
7.45—"The Tex Henck Show."	
8.00—B.B.C. News.	
8.10—Local News.	
8.15—Variety on Records.	
8.30—Sports Roundup.	
8.45—"Let's Wait."	
9.00—"Ten Times"	
9.30—Rediffusion Hit Parade.	
10.00—B.B.C. News.	
10.10—Local News.	
10.15—Relay.	
11.00—Murder Scrap Book.	
11.15—Down Harmony Lane.	
11.30—A Date with Dreamland.	
11.45—Standstill.	
12.00—Close Down.	

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Canton Ins. 210	
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China Underwriters 50	
H.K. Fire Ins. 200	
SHIPPING	
Douglas 200	
H.K. & M. Steamships 110	
Indo China (Pref.) 89 1/2	
(Indo) 50 1/2	
Shells (Barter) 6 1/2	
Union Waterways 22 1/2	
Asia Nav. 25	
DOCKERS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.	
H.K. & S. Wharves 10 1/2	
North Point Wharves 5 1/2	
Shanghai Hongkong Wharves 15	
H.K. Docks 17 1/2	
China Providence E. Div. 10 1/2	
Shanghai Dockyards 15	
Wharves 25	
MINING	
Rauk Mines 2 1/2	
H.K. Mines 2 1/2	
LANDS, STORES & BLDGS.	
H. & S. Hotels 50	
H.K. Lands 42 1/2, 45	
Shanghai Lands 1 1/2, 1 1/2	
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H.K. Realities 25	
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H.K. Tramways 12 1/2, 13, 13 1/2	
Peak Tram 10 1/2	
(New) 9 1/2	
Star Ferry 3 1/2	
C. Lights (Old) 11 1/2, 11 1/2	
(New) 8 1/2, 8 1/2	
H.K. Electric 10 1/2, 10 1/2	
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China Emporium 9 1/2	
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Kwong Sang Hong 9 1/2	
Wing On (H.K.) 6 1/2	
Wm. Poyell 10 1/2	
MISCELLANEOUS	
China Entertainment 15	
H.K. Constructions (Old) 2 1/2	
(New) 1 1/2	
Vibro Piling 1 1/2	
Maraman Investments 9 1/2	
Marsman (H.K.) 7 1/2	
Shanghai Loan 1 1/2	
Yanetay 2 1/2	
COTTONS	
Ewon 2 1/2	
RUBBER, ETC. COMPANIES	
Alma Estates 15 1/2	
Anglo-Dutch 30	
Anglo-Java 15 1/2	
Datu Anam 15	
Dute Plantations 40	
Chemor United 5 1/2	
Cheng Rubbers 15	
Consolidated Rubbers 15	
Dominion Rubbers 1 1/2	
Kota Bahru 50	
Kroowok Java 15 1/2, 15 1/2	
Langkats 15	
Repah Rubbers 10	
Rubber Trusts 5	
Samagosa Rubbers 5 1/2	
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Shanghai Pahang 15	
Shanghai Sumatra 50	
Sua Mangla 10 1/2	
Sunel Kuri 17 1/2	
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Zigzag Rubbers 50	

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The editorial concluded: "While the Imperialists are busy bombing, blockading, sabotaging, and attempting to undermine us, and while we have not the capacity to develop production on a large scale, the Soviet Union helps us to realize what we cannot ourselves realize."—United Press.

RUBBER RECORD

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San Francisco, Ship departures, Samarinda for Manila.—Associated Press.

San Francisco, April 5.

A Peking "People's Daily" editorial drew a sharp contrast between the "equal position" of Soviet capital in China and the "special privileges" enjoyed by British and American capital under the Nationalists.

The editorial was broadcast over the Peking radio.

Dedicated to the three recently concluded Sino-Soviet agreements setting up three joint stock companies for aviation and the exploitation of oil, non-ferrous and precious metals in Sinkiang province, the editorial said that this was "only a start—but an inspiring and excellent start."

After explaining in great detail how the Sino-Soviet agreements respect China's sovereignty, the paper singled out the Daili-Kallan Mining Administration and General Chang Chennan's American Civil Air Transport to prove the thesis that "very rarely did Imperialist countries make investments beneficial to the development of production."

The paper said: "By various disreputable tricks, British merchants seized nominal majority shareholdings of the Kallan mines. In reality most of their so-called shares are fictitious, and they have not the least intention to increase their investments in order to achieve more production."

"The American lawyer, Claird Chennan, stole the so-called relief cargoes for his capital, and used a variety of 'special permits' as a means to go in for speculation. Not only did he not help, but he jeopardized Chinese civil aviation."

The paper said the arrival of Soviet capital is especially timely in view of the difficult period which the Chinese Communists are currently undergoing.

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N.Y. Stock Exchange

New York, April 5.

The stock market headed upward at the blithely today after a somewhat erratic session. Final prices were up to the day in most cases. Aircraft were in demand most of the time. A late flurry of buying spread to motors, some steels and chemicals. Price changes were limited to a point or less.

Turnover for the day amounted to 1,500,000 shares.

Higher were Fullman, United Aircraft, Consolidated Vultee, Grumman Aircraft, Lockheed, Boeing, Douglas, Magnavox, Zenith, U.S. Steel, General Motors.

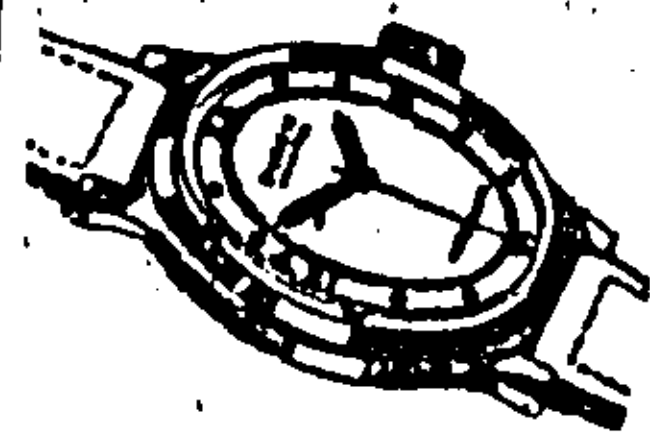
Aircraft issues were prodded by news that the Defense Secretary, Louis Johnson, had ordered the Joint Chiefs of Staff to re-examine the military budget to decide if more money should be spent on aircraft.

Bentgoat Consolidated Mining was the 10th most active stock with 14,000 shares traded at 1-1/2 change.

Dow Jones closing averages: Industrials 210.34, Rails 65.80, Utilities 42.77, Stocks 75.38.

Closing quotations:

Alaska Juneau 2 1/2	American Can 11 1/2
American Smelting 5 1/4	American Telephone 15 1/4
American Tobacco 7 1/2	American Waterworks 1 1/2
Anacostia Copper 2 1/2	Aviation Corp. 7 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive 10 1/2	Barnes 3 1/2
Bendix Aviation 4 1/2	Bethlehem Steel 3 1/2
Boeing Aircraft 28	Borden Co. 5 1/2
Canadian Pacific 14 1/2	Care, J. L. 4 1/2
Chrysler 6 1/2	Colgate 4 1/2
Commercial Solvent 10 1/4	Corn Products 7 1/4
Du Pont 7 1/2	Eastman Kodak 4 1/2
General Electric 40 1/2	General Motors 7 1/2
Goodrich 8 1/2	Goodyear 5 1/2
Homestead Mining 4 1/2	International Harvester 2 1/2
International Paper 38 1/2	International Tel. & Tel. 13
Johns-Manville 4 1/2	Kennecott Copper 5 1/2
Montgomery Ward 5 1/2	National Distillers 23 1/2
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Easter Race Meeting:

KENTUCKY LADY TIPPED TO WIN HK DERBY

(By "RAPIER")

Racing will again form the main attraction in sporting circles during the Easter Holidays as the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Easter Race Meeting starts tomorrow and continues on Monday.

Each day's programme will consist of 12 events; the first Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will commence promptly at 12 noon.

The Tiffin interval will follow on both days after the running of the fourth race, and the first bell after tiffin will be rung at 2.30 p.m.

The most important event tomorrow is the Hong Kong Derby, while on Monday, the Sassoon Challenge Cup will form the main attraction.

There is every reason to expect good weather conditions and the meeting should attract a record gathering of racing enthusiasts to the Valley.

In order to relieve some of the congestion in the Members' Parli-ment Hall, the Stewards have been hit to erect a temporary grandstand at the south end of the paddock in the Members' Enclosure, where \$25 Wines and Place Tickets will be on sale.

Colonel H. T. Alexander has left the Colony for home on transfer and will not be seen in action.

Race No. 1 — Shamshulpo Handicap (One Mile). The opening race on Saturday is continued to Australian Ponies of previous seasons classified Class 9. Ponies to be ridden by riders who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed.

Among the entries, I think Amie Clipper (Mr. Tseng), has a good opportunity of scoring a win in view of his performance in the Phaethon Handicap (First Section) over 1-4 miles at the Annual Race Meeting, when it came in fourth.

Emperors Gate (Mr. Castro), is about the next best in this crowd, as it was recently demoted from Class 8 and has been showing improved form lately.

It will give the above pony a keen fight at the end.

Trials Trip (Mr. Darkin), is improving in its track work during morning gallops and it will not be a surprise to see it fighting out the finish.

Racing Queen (Mr. Chan) and Diamondfield (Mr. Cook), should also receive some consideration, especially the latter, which is not bad.

Race No. 2 — Pokfulam Handicap (First Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.

In this sprint race for Class 8 Australian Ponies of previous seasons, the best thing to do is to look for sprinters.

Liberty Diamond (Mr. K. F. Chiu), has been knocking at the door of success for a long time and I think its chances are rather bright.

It came third in the Taiwan Bay Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the 1st Race Meeting and provided Mr. Chiu can get it off to a good start, it may win.

Happy Boy (Mr. Maitland), is the next pony to be considered, although it failed to gain a place in the third section of the above race.

Coogee (Mr. Ng), is a fast mover and can be depended upon to make a fight of it.

Eye Witness (Mr. Renner), is another likely winner, as this pony is fast over this distance.

Shahin will be in charge of Mr. Pote-Hunt and this combination is worth a ticket each way.

Race No. 3 — Mongkok Handicap (From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In).

Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 4 will try conclusions here. Jockey Allowance.

The two best ponies in this race are undoubtedly Robin Hood (Mr. Ng) and High Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff).

Robin Hood was officially fourth in the Chinese Club Cup over the mile post on the first day of the Annual Race Meeting and judging by that performance, it has a good chance of scoring a win here.

High Straight has shown improvement under the careful guidance of Mr. Ostroumoff during morning gallops and must therefore be seriously considered.

True Love (Mr. Noodi), Speed Bird (Mr. Holgate) and Wings

Cash sweep prize worth more than HK\$612,360

By 5 p.m. yesterday, the Jockey Club had sold between 1,350,000 and 1,360,000 HK\$2-tickets on the Hong Kong Derby to be run tomorrow at Happy Valley.

Happy Valley tickets will continue today at the advertised places and times.

Yesterday, the first prize was worth more than HK\$612,360.

It is certainly no easy matter to pick out the winner.

Jeep Yling, with Mr. Renfrew up at the 2nd Race Meeting, ran extremely well to take second position in the Lingfield Park Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs.

As it will be taken out by Mr. Kwok on Saturday, it should stand a good chance of winning.

On the other hand, Trade Wind (Mr. Pili), must not be overlooked, despite its failure in gaining a place in the Third section of the above race.

Treasure (Mr. Ostroumoff), although it ran indifferently in its last outing with Mr. Noodi up, is quite likely to extend them as the pony is at home over this distance.

Constant Star (Mr. Thomas) recently promoted, is another pony that can be depended on to give the above ponies a good fight.

For a long shot, I suggest Flying Jib (Mr. Tseng), as this pony is capable of creating an upset.

Race No. 10 — Mataukok Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This race is confined to Class 3 Australian ponies of previous seasons and judging from the entries, I shall not be far wrong in stating that the finish will be fought out between Minx (Mr. Ostroumoff), Harmony (Mr. Maitland), Rowan Glen (Mr. Noodi), Spanish Union (Mr. K. F. Chiu) and Empress of Peace (Mr. Kwok).

Minx, which won the Hurdle Park Handicap (Second Section) over six furlongs at the 2nd Race Meeting, has the best recommendation for a win here.

I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Harmony, which was third in the above race First Section.

Rowan Glen, which won the Pottinger Gap Handicap (First Section) at the 3rd Race Meeting for Class 4 ponies, is up another class and it has been improving lately. I honestly believe that this pony is capable of extending its record over the two miles.

The same remark could be applied to Spanish Union, the winner of the Second Section of the Pottinger Gap Handicap.

Empress of Peace is dangerous in view of its fine form during morning gallops, when it came second in the 1 1/2 mile in 1:39 with a last quarter of 28.4 seconds on Wednesday, March 29.

Race No. 11 — Pokfulam Handicap (Second Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.

This sprint event is for Second Section, Class 8, Australian ponies of previous seasons.

Judging from its last outing, when it came second in the Phoenix Park Handicap (Second Section) over the two mile post at the 2nd Race Meeting with Mr. S. W. Lee up, Sulphur (Mr. Wong Yau), should command strong support in the betting.

Good as this pony is, however, I don't think it will win over this distance.

Busted Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff), which was third in this race when it lost by 2 1/2 lengths, is my choice, as the distance is more suitable to it.

For the third position, a great struggle should ensue between Sprinter (Mr. Thomas) and Strling Castle (Mr. Hsu).

Race No. 12 — Mataukok Handicap: One Mile.

This is the final event of the first day in which Class 1B, Australian ponies of previous seasons will try conclusions.

After its win in the Curragh Handicap over the Champion distance at the last meeting, Pearl Diver, which will again be taken out by Mr. Noodi, has been penalised by 15 lbs.

Good as Pearl Diver is, and in spite of the fact that it is in fine condition, I doubt if it can win over this distance with 15 lbs. penalty, but it will be probably be placed.

Barbarian will have Mr. Tuo up again in the saddle and as it won the Haydock Park Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the last meeting in the first time of 1:45-4/5 seconds for Class 2 ponies, I think it ought to do again here.



Shown above (centre) is Sgt. W. Mortiboy, who won the Individual Championship at the 3rd Commando Brigade Inter-Unit Rifle Meet which was concluded at Stonecutters Range on Wednesday. At right is Lieutenant H.M. Cooper, who came second, while on the left is Lieutenant W. Robson, who occupied third place. All three successful contestants are from 40 Commando RM. ("China Mail" photo).

Soccer:

Kit Chee determined to bring off 'double'

(By "ROVER")

Highlights of the soccer programme over the Easter holidays will be the Senior and Junior Challenge Shield finals to be played tomorrow and the International Charity Cup final between England and China on Monday.

In the Senior Shield final, a battle royal is expected when St. Joseph's meet Kit Chee, Champions of the First Division, on the Club ground at Happy Valley.

Preceding the Senior match, a stirring game should be seen when the Army and Commandos battle for honours in the Junior Shield final.

This is the first time in 30 years that St. Joseph's have reached the final of the Senior Shield Competition, the last occasion being in 1920 when they lost to the Hong Kong Police, also on the Club ground, after a replay.

Members of the 1920 team comprised R. M. Omar, present Secretary of the HKFA, Dr. Seppher, "Bolo" Xavier, father of Mr. Xavier, present right-winger of the Saints, P. M. Xavier, W. C. Ogley, Johnson who is now a member of the Hong Kong Police and Jackson.

Tomorrow's game is expected to draw a capacity crowd, as the Saints, for whom the Chinese have a wholesome respect, have a reputation for being gladiators.

Preparing quietly Although the Saints have not been altogether impressive in their recent League games, they have been quietly preparing for tomorrow's meeting with the League Champions.

It has been whispered that the Saints will be fielding several new players for this crucial game. Two of these new players will, it is said, go to strengthen weaknesses in defence and attack.

Kit Chee, who have also been far from impressive in their recent outings, will be depending on the same players who have so successfully carried them through the League.

Having won the Championship, Kit Chee are fully determined to win the Shield as well. They

are not, therefore, expected to treat this encounter lightly, but will undoubtedly throw everything they know into the game.

The following is the holiday programme:

Today First Division Kwong Wah v South China, Caroline Hill 5 p.m.; Referee: J.F. Ennis; Linesmen: L. Chang and Liu Ting-kai.

CAA v Army (PP from 19.25.0), Boundary Street 5 p.m.; Referee: L.G. Young; Linesmen: G.T. Grummitt and W. Lowler.

Second Division Yard Police v South China, Caroline Hill 3.30 p.m.; Referee: L. Chang.

Navy v News Vendor, Navy C.B. 3.30 p.m.; Referee: Chan T.K. (Continued at foot of next Col.)

“Rapiers” Selections for tomorrow Race No. 1—Shamshulpo Handicap (One Mile).

EMPERORS GATE RACING QUEEN Outlander: Diamondfield.

Race No. 2—Pokfulam Handicap (First Section): From The 1 1/2 Mile Post.

LIBERTY DIAMOND HAPPY BOY EYE WITNESS Outlander: Shahin.

Race No. 3—Mongkok Handicap (From The Two Mile Post Once Round & In).

WONDERFUL MARE Outlander: Diamondfield.

Foo and Lee win Men's Doubles Badminton title

(By "ARGONAUT")

Victory Shield:

Services beat Chinese 6-2

The first match in the Victory Shield Soccer Competition between Combined Services and Combined Chinese at Boundary Street yesterday ended in an easy win for the Services by six goals to two.

The Chinese, who were not at full strength for this match and were further handicapped by the replacement of the Kam-hung following an injury in the first half, proved no match for the Services.

The Services were superior to the Chinese in all departments of the game and fully deserved their win.

There is no doubt but that the Services could have scored more goals had they really tried to do so; as it was, they were inclined to dilly dally with the ball instead of shooting at goal more often.

Brown in fine form Brown, who distinguished himself by scoring three goals against a strong Chinese XI in the Memorial Cup on Sunday last, was again in the fore yesterday and netted three of the six goals scored by the Services.

The other goal scorers for the Services were Marsden (1), Russell (1) and Galvin (1).

Chu Wing-keung (1) and Lee Tai-fai (1) scored for the Chinese.

Combined Services: Fairbrother (Army), Thompson (Royal Navy), Tozer (Royal Navy), Woolton (Army), Hays (Commandos), Hutton (Army), Brown (Army), Galvin (Royal Navy), Russell (Army), Marsden (Army) and Andrews (Army).

Combined Chinese: Yu Kwan (CAA), Fok Yiu-wah (S. China), Tam Chun-fai (KMB), Chan Kam-pui (CAA), Two Kam-hung (K. Chee), Fung Kwan-sing (KMB), Lee Tai-fai (KMB), Yu Cheuk-yin (Kit Chee), Ng Kau-kwong (Kit Chee) and Mok Chun-wah (Eastern).

Exciting rallies The Junior Mixed Doubles provided the spectators with a major share of the night's thrills. Featured by some long and exciting rallies, the match saw a spectacular recovery by the Mr. and Mrs. Kwong combination in the first set. Trailing behind 0-10, they gradually caught up to 8-10. They then lagged behind again by 9-14, but another recovery brought them not only to deuce but also straight to set. Playing more steadily, the Brown-Rosario combination annexed the second set 15-11, only to see their opponents strike their peak form in the third set. With deadly smashes, the Chungs took a 9-1 lead, from which they never looked back until match point was secured after the concession of three further points.

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Duration of matches 90 minutes. Extra time 10 minutes each way must be played in the event of a draw.

Sunday, April 9 First Division St. Joseph's v KMB (PP from 23.30.0), Club 5 p.m.; Referee: J.F. Ennis; Linesmen: Li Bing-long and Wong King-chung.

Second Division RAF v University (PP from 12.10.49), Kai Tak 5 p.m.; Referee: Woo Chio-kin.

Police v Dockyard (PP from 27.1.49), Boundary Street 5 p.m.; Referee: E.A. Stubley.

Last night's badminton finals at the Kowloon Cricket Club produced two Colony Men's Doubles champions in W. F. Foo and C. K. Lee, who sprang a major upset by eliminating the holders, R. Tay and P. H. Wong in two sets, 15-11, 15-12.

Foo, particularly was in brilliant form and it was his sparkling display that blasted once again Tay's hopes for a triple crown. His almost uncanny drop shots and excellent retrievers caught the erstwhile champions repeatedly and paved the way to his side's victory. Lee, though less conspicuous gave able support with good services and accurate play.

Benzin Saw of New Asia College became the first proud winner of the Schoolboys' Doubles title, beating his Doubles partner, K. Y. Tso, 15-8, 15-2.

The issue was hotly contested at the beginning of the first game, but Tso gradually cracked up in face of the all-round superiority of Saw. Although Tso managed to take the lead at 3-1 and 4-3 in the first set, Saw's drop shots and hard smashes soon began to take the toll, taking him to 8-5, 11-8 and 15-8. Tso appeared to be tired out by the time the second set was reached, and Saw ran out a comparatively easy winner by 15-2.

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Junior: Army v Commando, Club 2.30 p.m.; Referee: K. B. T. Guest; Linesmen: P. J. London and P. Lal.

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Duration of matches 90 minutes. Extra time 10 minutes each way must be played in the event of a draw.

Sunday, April 9 First Division St. Joseph's v KMB (PP from 23.30.0), Club 5 p.m.; Referee: J.F. Ennis; Linesmen: Li Bing-long and Wong King-chung.

Second Division RAF v University (PP from 12.10.49), Kai Tak 5 p.m.; Referee: Woo Chio-kin.

Police v Dockyard (PP from 27.1.49), Boundary Street 5 p.m.; Referee: E.A. Stubley.

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M.V.P. awards to be announced on April 29

At a meeting of the General Council of the Hong Kong Football Association held last night, it was decided to depart from the usual procedure of announcing the Most Valuable player of the four leagues before the end of the season.

Instead, the winners of the "CHINA MAIL" M.V.P. Awards will be announced during the Presentation Ball at the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, April 29.

It was also decided that individuals on the winning teams this season will receive pennants instead of medals as in previous years.

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